

thursday

week 17 of ordinary time

:: morning prayer ::

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Enter into a time of slowness.

a reading from the gospel

Mark 15:12-21 [NRSV](#)

Create the time and space for reflection.

If needed, read the Scripture passage again.

What words or phrases caught hold of you in your reading?

Meditate on these words.

How can these words become a prayer for you and our community?

What implications do these words have for you and our community?

the prayers

Spend time praying with God in your own words or with no words at all.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

:: noon prayer ::

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

the psalm

Psalm 37:19-42

[NRSV](#)

Create the time and space for reflection.

a prayer for the church-community

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

:: evening prayer ::

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

confession of sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

a reading

1 Kings 11:1-13 [NRSV](#)

- or -

James 3:13-4:12 [NRSV](#)

Create the time and space for reflection.

the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.