

SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, WEEK 29: MIDDAY PRAYER

P: † O God, come to my assistance.  
 A: Lord, make haste to help me.  
 P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
 A: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness



Lord of all eagerness,  
 Lord of all faith,  
 Whose strong hands were skilled  
 at the plane and the lathe,  
 be there in our labours,  
 and give us, we pray,  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
 at the noon of the day.

PSALMODY

P: Ant. 1 What better can we do than  
 take refuge in the Lord? His love  
 will never fail. Alleluia!

SIT Psalm 118

1: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is  
 good,  
 for His love endures forever.

2: Let the sons of Israel say,  
 "His love endures forever."  
 Let the sons of Aaron say,  
 "His love endures forever."  
 Let those who fear the Lord say,  
 "His love endures forever."

1: I called to the Lord in my  
 distress;  
 He answered and freed me.  
 The Lord is at my side; I do not  
 fear.  
 What can man do against me?  
 The Lord is at my side as my Helper;  
 I shall look down on my foes.

2: It is better to take refuge in the  
 Lord —

than to trust in men.  
 It is better to take refuge in the  
 Lord  
 than to trust in princes.

1: Glory be to the Father, and to the  
 Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

2: As it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and ever shall be, world without  
 end. Amen.

A: Ant. What better can we do than  
 take refuge in the Lord? His love  
 will never fail. Alleluia!

P: Ant. 2 The Lord is my strength,  
 and I shall sing His praise.  
 Alleluia!

Psalm 118

1: The nations all encompassed me;  
 in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
 They compassed me, compassed me  
 about;  
 in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
 They compassed me about like bees;  
 in the Lord's name I crushed them.

2: I was hard pressed and was falling,  
 but the Lord came to help me.  
 The Lord is my strength and my song;  
 He is my Saviour.  
 There are shouts of joy and victory  
 in the tents of the just.

1: The Lord's right hand has  
 triumphed,  
 His right hand raised me.  
 The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
 I shall not die; I shall live  
 and recount His deeds.  
 I was punished, I was punished by  
 the Lord,  
 but not doomed to die.

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the  
 Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

1: As it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and ever shall be, world without  
 end. Amen.

A: Ant. The Lord is my strength, and  
I shall sing His praise.  
Alleluia!

P: Ant. 3 I shall proclaim Your  
goodness, Lord, for You have  
answered me. Alleluia!

Psalm 118

1: Open to me the gates of holiness;  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate,  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank You, for You have  
answered,  
and You are my Saviour.

2: The stone that the builders  
rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

1: O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is He Who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the  
Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

2: Go forward in procession with  
branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God; I thank You;  
my God, I praise You.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is  
good,  
for His love endures forever.

1: Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

2: As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

P: Psalm-prayer  
Lord God, You have given us the  
great day of rejoicing: Jesus  
Christ, the stone rejected by the  
builders, has become the cornerstone —

of the Church, our spiritual home.  
Shed upon Your Church the rays of  
Your glory, that it may be seen as  
the gate of salvation open to all  
nations. Let cries of joy and  
exultation ring out from its tents,  
to celebrate the wonder of Christ's  
resurrection.

A: Ant. I shall proclaim Your  
goodness, Lord, for You have  
answered me. Alleluia!

R: READING Gal 6:7b-8

A man will reap only what he  
sows. If he sows in the field of the  
flesh, he will reap a harvest of  
corruption; but if his seed-ground  
is the spirit, he will reap  
everlasting life.

The word of the Lord

A: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORY

P: Your promise, Lord, will stand  
forever.

A: *In every generation, Your word is  
true.*

STAND

PRAYER

P: Let us pray:  
Almighty and ever-living God,  
our source of power and inspiration,  
give us strength and joy  
in serving You as followers of  
Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

A: *Amen.*

CONCLUSION

P: The Lord be with you.

A: *And with your spirit.*

P: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit.

A: *Amen.*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

A: *Thanks be to God.*