

FIRST INTRODUCTION

The week of toil has ended. Our day of rest is at hand. May the rest and the quiet of this hour of worship refresh our inner life. And may it renew in all of us a sense of God's holy and abiding Presence.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

SECOND INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation...a time in which we prepare ourselves expectantly...that the Spirit of the living God may be made real to us in this hour of worship.

In quietness, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

THIRD INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter into a time of silent meditation as we come into the Presence of Him whom our faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

FOURTH INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation. In these moments, let us ponder the pattern our lives have been weaving as we come into the Presence of Him whom our Faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

MEDITATION

We rest our hearts in the Promise of Jesus who said:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light".

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock, and it will be open unto you."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me. If you love Me, you will keep my commandments"

"For I tell you...do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat...or drink...nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food? And the body more than raiment."

"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present...to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature - shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

"And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched : Him were made whole!"

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good course and He shall strengthen thine heart. For we dwell in the shelter of the Almighty. He is our refuge and our strength."

"We know that in everything, God works together for good with those who love Him!"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint".

"God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy disease".

"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in thee".

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News: We are forgiven".

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others, as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing, O God...Father of us all, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

...beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted among us...and especially be close to _____ who in recent days has lost a loved one. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

Answer the upspoken prayers now offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, spoken in the name and spirit of Jesus, who taught us to say when we pray.... For we ask all of this in the powerful name and lifting spirit of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray...

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the glory, forever. Amen"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 11, 1992

VISITORS / GREETING

We welcome the visitors in the congregation this morning...and hope that we shall have an opportunity to greet you personally...either at the door as you depart or, time permitting...downstairs in the Russell Room where...

Be free in the sharing of your name. Fill out a visitor card. Sign a Guest book. Come, worship with us...come, work with us in the...

Doing the Lord's work at this busy corner since 1837. We minister in the name of Christ, and it is in His loving spirit...members: wear name tags....

PARISH CONCERNS

Parish concerns are listed in the bulletin. Look them over noting that the "Hounds" will be meeting...and the Aldersgate Class on Wednesday....

We approach October 21st - the evening of our Church Conference and we look for a good turnout. Refreshments will be available for the hungry...coming up from work...6:30 on. The report of the Committee on Nominations will be received...elections take place. New trustees for the Class of 1995 will be elected and state law requires an announcement of this two Sundays in advance.

And also the Finance Committee will be presenting the 1993 operating budget of the church for adoption. And the Financial Canvass will follow shortly thereafter with the theme and watchword this year: "Take A Caring Step Up".

The Church Conference is the big meeting of the Fall for our membership...with a lot riding on it in terms of 1993 program goals and opportunities, so do - get on board...plan to be here for it.

Volunteers are still being enlisted for (1) The October 17th Rummage Sale, (2) the Saturday Feeding Program for the Homeless, and (3) for the Church Fair, and (4) for the Financial Canvass. Get involved. Take on an assignment or two....don't be a Lone Ranger Christian. We need your help.

Gifts are being received again today for the World Communion Appeal for the Fellowship of Service and Suffering. Envelopes are in the bulletin. Last week we received just over one hundred dollars and we need to do as well - even better - again this Sunday.

TODAY'S PREACHER

We welcome Duane Thompson, our student assistant, to the pulpit today. Many of you have heard him before and know that his messages will stimulate your thinking and move your hearts. It's good to have him as a part of our church life....Brenda, too. For those of

you who don't know Duane...just a word or two. Duane has left the field of law....with Shearman and Sterling here in the city for 5 years...and has felt the call to the ministry. He's now in his second year at Union Theological Seminary. Among his courses this Fall, is a course in Homiletics... the art or skill of preaching.

He had to preach a sermon on Tuesday of this past week to his class...and that brought back memories of when I had to do the same. He survived that ordeal...easier to preach here then it would be to a class in seminary. I came close to giving up the ministry after my first of four sermons in the class on Homiletics...thost of you who don't think much of my preaching now, should have heard me then!

OFFERING

Jesus said,

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive". In this spirit...let us....

ALSO

Friends from former days: Gloria and Dom Monge. Nicue and Earl Roosa...Alexsis and Nicholas. Takes many us back to the nineteen seventies and early eighties.