

Service for Noonday January 12, 2021

Hello and welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Altus, Oklahoma. We will use the service for Noonday found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103. There is also a link to this document on the main page of our website: stpauls-altus.org. If you have a prayer request or desire to give thanks please type them in during the service, everyone will be able to see them.

Before we begin let us pause in silence

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Alleluia

Let us read **Psalm 126 found on page 105**, together in unison (read from prayer book)

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A Reading from Mark (1:14-28)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Comments from Forward Day by Day

Fame spread throughout the land regarding Jesus. And yet, popularity was not at all what he had come to attain or seek. Jesus was continually saying, “This is not about me—this is about the kingdom of heaven and my Father who sent me. See that in me.” Jesus sought out people who were willing to be transformed so that through them might come a new and transformed world. Jesus’ fame among the people in his community was mostly due to what he could do for them—heal, comfort, proclaim justice, and love them. Far less exciting or headline-worthy was the kind of sacrificial life he was pointing to—a new way of walking in and with the world.

MOVING FORWARD: How is Jesus asking you to walk with and in the world today?

The Prayers

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family, St. Paul's. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Lord we ask for your blessing and guidance especially for our priest, Mother Suzanne.

We pray for healing for all who are affected by the Corona Virus, and safety for our health care workers and first responders.

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, those known and unknown to us, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their distress and have sure knowledge of your loving care through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

For Those we Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those Who Live Alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for protection for people around the world who are vulnerable and being persecuted; pray for all law enforcement officers and firefighters. Pray for our country, our state, for our city of Altus; pray for our President and other leaders that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray for The Episcopal Church, for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our own Bishop Poulson.

For Social Justice: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart (and especially the hearts of the people of this land), that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Ending

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.