

Noon Day Prayer in the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost

St Matthew – St Aidan, Buckhorn by Zoom – 4 September 2024

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

A Hymn

Officiant You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

Psalm 57.6-11

Officiant Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

People **My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.**

Wake up, my spirit;
awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.

**I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; *
I will sing praise to you among the nations.**

For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.**

Psalm Prayer

All **God our help and strength, look with mercy on all who are oppressed in mind, body, or human dignity. Shield and protect them, and give them that wholeness which is your will for all your children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

A Short Reading

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

⁸The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” ⁹But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” ¹²But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25.1-13

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence may follow.

Intercessions *The intercessor(s) invite(s) the people to prayer in these or similar words,*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God, saying, “_____.”

Collect of the Day

Officiant God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Officiant May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.
People **Amen.**
