

We are Called

A prayer service to be used at the conclusion of chapters 7 & 8 of *Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World*

Gathering

LEADER: Heavenly Father, you sent your son, Jesus, to us to bear witness to your loving hands and guiding spirit. Help us to hear the words of God made man on earth and follow our kind teacher. You spoke to us through your son. Help us to be his true disciples, to hear his teachings with our ears, complete his works with our hands and love you with all of our hearts. Help us to learn from the great Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of your son. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

The Word of the Lord (Matthew 28: 1-10)

READER: After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Blessed

(Based on Beatitudes from The Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5)

GROUP 1: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

LEADER: Help us remember Lord, that we need you to achieve spiritual happiness.

GROUP 2: Blessed are they who mourn
for they will be comforted.

LEADER: When we mourn for your people, Lord, you provide us with your loving embrace.

GROUP 3: Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

LEADER: Remind us, Lord, to speak with kindness and love with compassion.

GROUP 4: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

LEADER: Help us, Lord to fight for the justice and friendship that can only be found in knowing your son, Jesus Christ.

GROUP 1: Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy

LEADER: Help us, Lord to not be satisfied until we seek your divine mercy.

GROUP 2: Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

LEADER: Lord, guide us to be true of spirit and unselfish in our acts and thoughts.

GROUP 3: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

LEADER: Guide us to work hard to end violence and model our lives
after the Prince of Peace, your son.

GROUP 4: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

LEADER: Embolden us, Lord, with courage that we might stand up for
the Truth. We ask this in the name of our loving Teacher, Jesus
Christ.

ALL: Amen

Closing

LEADER: Lord our Father, you sent your son, Jesus Christ to teach and guide
us along the path to Heaven. Through his works and words we have
been given the maps to the kingdom. Through the death of your son
on the cross we have been redeemed and cleansed of our sins. Thank
you Lord for the gift of our savior.

ALL: Amen