

RESBYTERY GATHERING WORSHIP

September 25, 2021

Call to Worship/Llamamiento a la Adoración

¿Y qué es lo que demanda el Señor
de cada persona?

Sino solo practicar la justicia, amar la misericordia,
y andar humildemente con nuestro Dios. (Miq. 6.8)

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Mic 6.8)

Opening Prayer / Oración

Dios de poder y misericordia,
que amas la justicia y la equidad,
tú nos llamas a dar la mano a la persona que es débil,
a ayudar a quien sufre,
y a honrar a todas las personas.
Por medio del poder de tu Espíritu Santo,
danos la pasión para abogar por tu justicia
y ser instrumentos de tu paz,
para que todas las personas sean reconciliadas
en tu comunidad de amor;
por Jesucristo nuestro Salvador. Amén

God of power and mercy,
who loves justice and equality,
you call us to extend our hand to the person who is weak,
to help the one who is suffering,
and to honor every person.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
give us the passion to advocate for justice
and be instruments of your peace
that all people may be reconciled
in your communion of love;
through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen

Reflection

Psalm 147:1-7

¹ Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

- ²The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- ³He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
- ⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
- ⁶The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

Hymn Glory to God #411 Dios está aquí / God Is Here Today* (All)

Dios está aquí, tan cierto como el aire que respiro,
tan cierto como la mañana se levanta el sol,
tan cierto como que te canto y me puedes oír.

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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Invitation to Confession

In our being and doing in the world, we often shut our eyes to what is happening around us, and our voluntary unawareness causes us to dash our feet against a stone. Yet, we worship a God who loves with outstretched arms, giving us grace freely. Let us confess to the God of love.

Prayer of Confession (All)

God, our fortress, You give us refuge, but we do not reflect this refuge to others in need of it. You honor us, but we do not honor Your image in creation around us. You rescue us, but we do not work towards the liberation of our neighbor from hunger, poverty, and oppression. Forgive us, O God, for not seeing the world through Your lens of love and solidarity. Cultivate in us faithful spirits, trusting in You for fortitude. Amen

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, Siblings, Beloved, we have been delivered by the God who answers, freed in forgiveness to live in everlasting, abundant grace!

(All) Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Hymn Glory to God #721 Tú has venido a la orilla / Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (All)

Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.
Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
en la arena he dejado mi barca,
junto a ti buscaré otro mar

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
no my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descance,
amor que quiera seguir amando.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give other rest
and constant love that keeps on loving,

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Prayer of Illumination

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and so grow in our faith. Amen.

Dios de gracia extravagante, que refresque su Espíritu nuestros corazones a través de la lectura de las escrituras, para que podamos percibir todo el bien que podemos hacer por Cristo y así crecer en nuestra fe. Amén.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 31-46

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he

will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Litany of Prayer from the migrant teens prayer cards

Love and Thanksgiving

Le doy gracias a Dios por la vida que nos dio. Pido una oración sobre mi familia y todos los que estamos aquí y pido una oración para que yo pueda salir pronto de aquí. Le doy gracias a Dios por este día.

I give thanks to God for the live that God gave us. I ask for a prayer for my family and for all of us here and I ask for a prayer that I be able to leave here soon. I give thanks to God for this day.

Strength and Family

Quiero pedirle al Señor que me ayude a mi a salir de aquí, que me ayude a mi familia a seguir adelante; le pido con todo mi corazón que me ayude y que me de fuerza para soportar lo que me está pasando. Amén.

I want to ask the Lord to help me to leave this place and help my family get ahead; I ask with all my hear that You help me and give me strength to endure everything that is happening. Amen. Thank you for the opportunity that you are giving us. Thank you.

The sick

Pray for my family and that they are well. Pray for me that I may leave here soon and for all people who are suffering in hospitals and for each person that travels across that desert. Pray for me that I can change my life and accomplish my goal. And that He clears my pathway from all that is bad.

Love, family, strength, protection, thanksgiving.

And now, as children of God, we lift these prayers to the Lord, and the prayers of all the migrants around the world. And we ask our Lord, our Savior to hear our prayers. Amen.

Reflection

All: Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Brief Invitation to Pray

Vamos a Orar / Let Us Pray

Padre Celestial/Heavenly Father, we invite you to guide our lives life and our efforts. We have a heart to push back the curtain of darkness, this heavy oppressive weight of pain that seems to fall over the world today, but our little lights feel small and insignificant.

But like the boy’s small lunch that you multiplied to feed thousands, we dare not keep our lights hidden. We give it to you.

For you are the source of all light and all love. If light and love are needed to push back this darkness and hatred, then We are confident You are enough

Help us to see others as you do—not as the people responsible for the confusion and hurt—but as the victims to it. Help us to see the love you have for each person.

For you created them, called them, and gave your all for each person on this planet we share. Though they may have turned their hearts from you, they cannot help but see me and other Christians like us.

Their very hurts make them vulnerable to the healing love you share through us.

Our world is suffering and trembling with rage, injustice, defensiveness, vanity, pain, addiction & corruption. The only thing powerful enough to overcome this is your love. Your love is enough! Let it inspire your people to action—healing hands, healing feet, and healing words. Thank you for allowing us to participate in reaching the people you love who are lost and feeling broken. May the difficulties of this time turn hearts toward you.

All: Por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor, Amén.

Oración del Pueblo / Prayers of the People

For our church leaders in this time

Todopoderoso Dios/Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust **we pray for the church.**

O God, enliven the church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace, that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be mentioned.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be mentioned.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Loving God, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Fill the emptiness of their loss with your never-ending peace.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be mentioned.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may minister in your name, with your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace;
All: por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

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Song Resucitó / He Is Risen* (All)

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya
Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó
La muerte, ¿dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya
Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó
Aaleluya!

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Blessing

Lord, we thank you for allowing us to worship you together despite our distance and circumstances. Lord we ask you to bless us as we continue to seek to serve you in so many ways through our service to our families, our church families, our surrounding community, and especially vulnerable communities all around us like the migrant children. Fill us with your spirit so that we may better be your voices, your hands and presence in this world so we may draw others to your kingdom. May his love, grace and peace be with you all today and forevermore. Amen.

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