



Thy Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope

Closing Liturgy

Note: Italicized portions are to be said by all.

Opening

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 231 "Proper 10"

Presider: May God be with you,

Response: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Response

Enriching our Worship, Canticle N "A Song of God's Love"

*Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is of God.*

*Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.*

*In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.*

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us,
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.*

*Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought also to love one another.*

*For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.*

Reading Matthew 18:1-5

New Revised Standard Version

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

Intercessions*A prayer attributed to St. Francis*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*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*

Hymn

Hymnal 711 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

*Seek Ye First***Blessing**

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*