



catechism

IN FAMILY PRAYER



From the Next Generation Leadership Initiative

The whole Catechism for the whole Family

Introducing

As Anglicans, we recognize the value of liturgy and rhythm in our own personal and communal spiritual formation. We are shaped as communities of common prayer, learning together, and striving to be Christ-like in our service toward others. This formation is guided by Scripture, our treasured Book of Common Prayer, and our Anglican Catechism. Together, these texts enable us to participate in right living as part of communities that are culturally attuned and missionally adaptive, reinforced by doctrine, discipline, and worship, through repetition that grounds us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our primary source of cultural influence, however, remains our homes. The conversations held by those most dear to us form our character and our values in ways that impact our decisions for the rest of our lives. It is imperative that our households serve as the initial location of catechesis in our Anglican heritage and our biblical formation.

Catechism in Family Prayer was developed with this charge in mind. It is a beautiful blend of Scripture, Family Devotion from our Book of Common Prayer, and personal questions of faith

from our catechism, *To Be A Christian*. It is simple enough to be completed daily, yet varied enough to offer deep, theological discussion around the kitchen tables of our households. It brilliantly offers the liturgy that forms us, while giving space to wrestle with deeper questions of doctrine and mission, in the context of our own homes, and offered within a conversation with God.

It is our hope that your household embraces this resource as an offering of your very selves to the service of each other by grounding your conversation, discipline, worship, and life together in the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. May this resource enrich your lives together and your relationship with our Lord in refreshing ways every day for years to come.

The Rev. Dr. Jessica Jones

Provincial Canon for the Next Generation Leadership Initiative

What you can expect.



01 **Open with a Psalm**

The opening sentence for each week is a Psalm, a refreshing entry into family prayer.

02 **Say a Canticle Together**

Throughout the year, you are introduced to some of the most loved and encountered canticles from Morning and Evening prayer.

03 **Read Scripture Aloud**

The reading of scripture places you in relationship and conversation with the Triune God.

04 **Respond in Conversation**

Through a curious question, reflect on how Scripture and the catechism question matter today.

05 **Offer Prayers Together**

In light of your conversation, turn to God in prayer for yourselves and others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

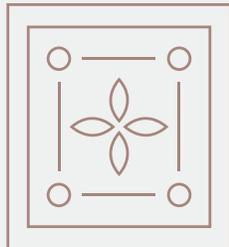
06 **Close with a Collect**

Each family prayer time concludes with a Collect to gather the intentions and focus of your worship into a succinct prayer.

Day 01

What is the human condition?

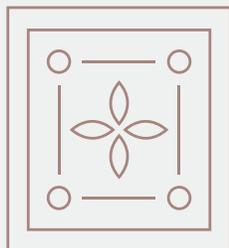
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We begin together by saying:

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah. Psalm 3:3-4

02

We glorify God together saying:

O gladsome light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

Phos Hilaron (O Gladsome Light)



03

One of us reads aloud:

And [Jesus] said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.” Matthew 15:16-20

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is the human condition?

Though created good and made for fellowship with our Creator, humanity has been cut off from God by self-centered rebellion against him, leading to lawless living, guilt, shame, death, and the fear of judgment. This is the state of sin. (Genesis 3:1–13; Psalm 14:1–3; Matthew 15:10–20; Romans 1:18–23; 3:9–23)

The holy love of God is extravagant. While we rebel against him, he calls your name.

How have you heard God call your name?

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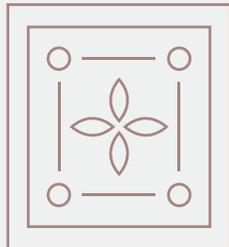
We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 02

What is the gospel?

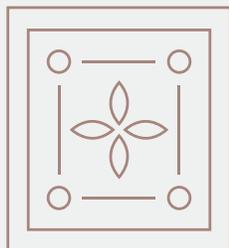
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Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; you set me free when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1

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One of us reads aloud:

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the good news that God loves the world and offers salvation from sin through his Son, Jesus Christ. (Psalm 103:1–13; Isaiah 53:4–5; John 3:16–17; 1 Corinthians 15:1–5)

What about the Gospel is good news to you?

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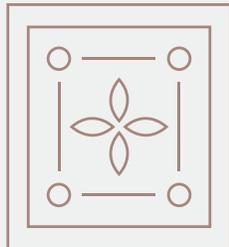
We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Day 03

How does sin affect you?

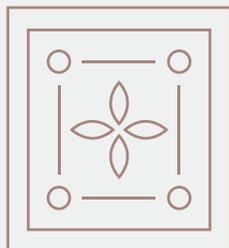
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We begin together by saying:

I will lay myself down in peace, and take my rest; for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

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We glorify God together saying:

O gladsome light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

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One of us reads aloud:

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:20–23

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

How does sin affect you?

Sin alienates me from God, my neighbor, God’s good creation, and myself. Apart from Christ, I am hopeless, guilty, lost, helpless, and walking in the way of death. (Genesis 3:14–19; Psalm 38; Isaiah 53:6; 59:1–2; Romans 6:20–23)

How do you experience alienation or separation caused by sin in yourself? Where do you see and sense a need for healing?

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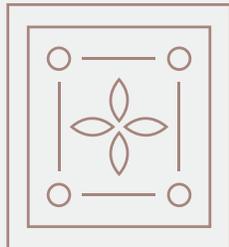
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Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Day 04

What is the way of death?

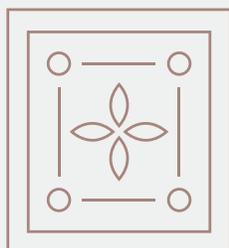
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We begin together by saying:

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

02

We glorify God together saying:

O gladsome light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

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One of us reads aloud:

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 14:12

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is the way of death?

The way of death is a life without God's love and Holy Spirit, a life controlled by things that cannot bring me eternal joy, leading only to darkness, misery, and eternal condemnation. (Genesis 2:16–17; Deuteronomy 28:15–19; Proverbs 14:12; John 8:34; Romans 1:24–25)

Can you think of a time when you chose not to pray for wisdom and the presence of the Holy Spirit and instead chose a way that seemed right to you?

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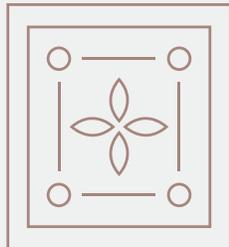
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 05

Can you save yourself from the way of sin and death?

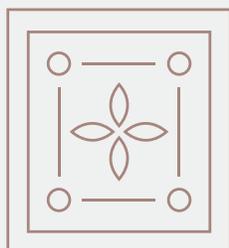
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We begin together by saying:

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Psalm 7:17

02

We glorify God together saying:

O gladsome light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

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One of us reads aloud:

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:5–8

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Can you save yourself from the way of sin and death?

No. I have no power to save myself, for sin has corrupted my conscience, confused my mind, and captured my will. Only God can save me. (Psalm 33:13–19; Isaiah 43:8–13; John 3:1–8; Ephesians 2:1–9)

What does it feel like to say, “Only God can save me?”

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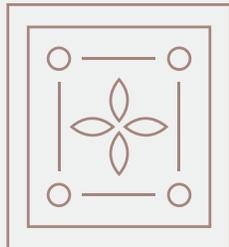
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Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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How does God save you?

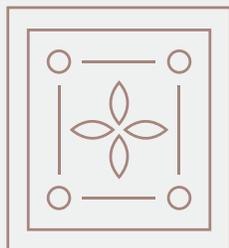
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Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory above the heavens. Psalm 8:1

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One of us reads aloud:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

How does God save you?

God forgives my sins and reconciles me to himself through his Son, Jesus Christ, whom he has given to the world as an undeserved gift of love. (John 3:16; Psalm 34; Zechariah 12:10–13:2; Romans 3:23–26)

Today, how do you need to receive the holy love of God?

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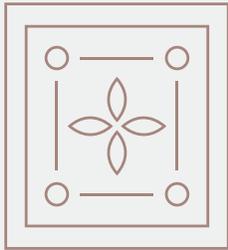
We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Why does God save you?

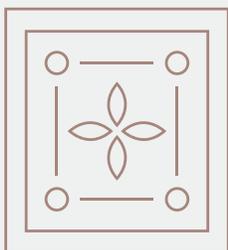
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We begin together by saying:

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2

02

We glorify God together saying:

O gladsome light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

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One of us reads aloud:

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:18–21

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Why does God save you?

Because he loves me, God saves me from sin and judgment, so that I may love and serve him for his glory. (Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5–9; John 3:17; Romans 5:8–10; 2 Corinthians 5:18–21; Ephesians 1:3–14)

*God loves you not because of what you do (or don't do) or even who you are. He saves you because he is holy love. **When you say "God loves me," what walls come down or emotions rise up?***

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We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all. Amen.

Week One

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Each day of the week, capture your reflections, prayers, and how the Holy Spirit was present to your family.

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What is the human condition?

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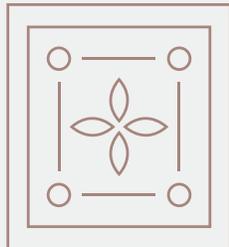
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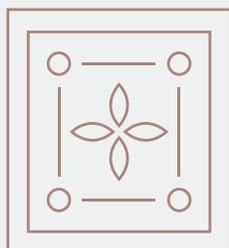
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We begin together by saying:

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:5-6

02

We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



03

One of us reads aloud:

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:13-15

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world. Fully divine, he took on our human nature, died on the Cross for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now rules as Lord and King over all creation. (Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 110; John 3:13–15; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–20)

*Eternal. Savior. Divine. Human. Died. Rose. Ascended. Rules. **What about the catechism response is the most comforting to hear? Most challenging to believe?***

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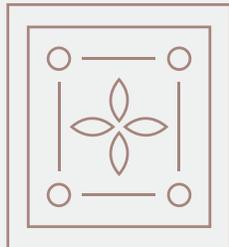
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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Day 09

Is there any other way of salvation?

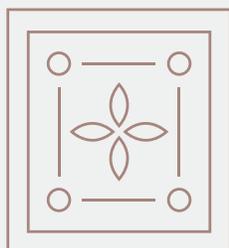
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We begin together by saying:

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord,
“You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

Psalm 16:1-2

02

We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

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03

One of us reads aloud:

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 1 Timothy 2:5-6

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Is there any other way of salvation?

No. The apostle Peter said of Jesus, "There is salvation in no one else" (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the only one who can save me and reconcile me to God. (Psalm 2; Isaiah 42:1-4; John 14:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

What is your first head, heart, or gut response to this: that there is only salvation, light, and life in Jesus?

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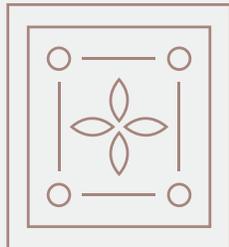
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Day 10

How should you respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

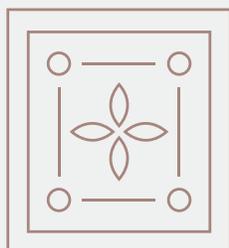
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We begin together by saying:

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30

02

We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



03

One of us reads aloud:

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:37-39

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

How should you respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

As soon as I receive and believe the Gospel, I should repent of my sins, put faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, and prepare to be baptized. “Now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2; Psalm 32; Isaiah 55:6–7; Acts 2:37–39)

*Take a moment and stand up. Take a few steps. Then, imagining the joyful face of Jesus, turn to him. **How would that feel—what would that mean — to turn to Jesus today?***

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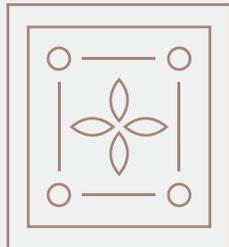
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Day 11

What does it mean for you to repent?

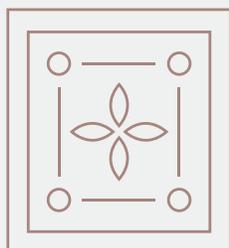
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We begin together by saying:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Psalm 25:1

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We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



03

One of us reads aloud:

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Acts 3:19-21

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does it mean for you to repent?

To repent means that I have a change of heart, turning from sinfully serving myself to serving God as I follow Jesus Christ. I need God's help to make this change. (Psalm 51:16-17; Isaiah 57:15-19; Acts 3:19-21; 1 John 2:1-2)

How have you already turned your heart and your head (maybe even your footsteps and face) to follow Jesus?

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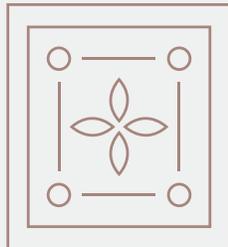
We collect our prayers saying together:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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What does it mean for you to have faith?

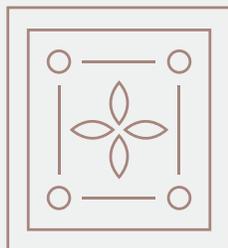
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We begin together by saying:

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Psalm 25:6

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We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



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One of us reads aloud:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Proverbs 3:5-8

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does it mean for you to have faith?

To have faith means that I believe the Gospel is the truth: that Jesus died for my sins, rose from the dead, and rules over my life. Therefore, I entrust myself to him as my Savior, and I obey him as my Lord. (Psalm 40:1–10; Proverbs 3:5–8; John 1:9–13; Romans 10:9–10; Hebrews 11:1, 6)

Look at one of the scriptures. How would you define faith? And then, do you have this faith?

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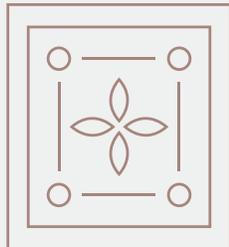
We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, without whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truth our reason withers: Consecrate our lives to your will, giving us such purity of heart, such depth of faith, and such steadfastness of purpose, that in time we may come to think your own thoughts after you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Day 13

How can you repent and put your faith in Jesus Christ?

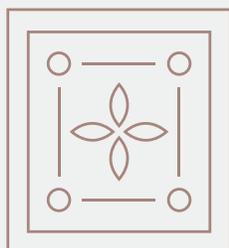
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We begin together by saying:

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:13-14

02

We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



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One of us reads aloud:

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. Acts 16:25–34

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

How can you repent and put your faith in Jesus Christ?

With God's help, I can acknowledge and turn from my sins, receive the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ, and embrace the new life he freely gives me. (Psalm 86:1–7; Joel 2:32; Acts 16:30–34; Romans 10:11–13; Hebrews 12:1–2)

If someone asked you how they could have a relationship with Jesus, what would you say to them?

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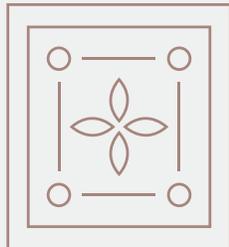
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Day 14

What should you do as the sign of your repentance and faith?

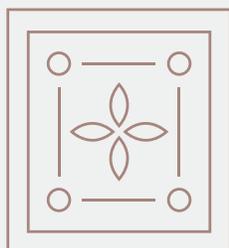
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We begin together by saying:

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

02

We glorify God together saying:

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus



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One of us reads aloud:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What should you do as the sign of your repentance and faith?

After receiving instruction in the faith, I should be baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus joining his Body, the Church. If I have already been baptized, I should confess my sins, seek the guidance of a minister, affirm the promises made at my Baptism, and take my place as a member of the Church. (Psalm 51:5–7; Ezekiel 36:25–27; Matthew 28:19–20; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Peter 3:18–22)

What do you think baptism means for the believer?

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We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week Two

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Each day of the week, capture your reflections, prayers, and how the Holy Spirit was present to your family.

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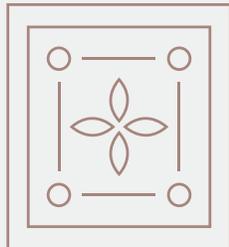
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What does God grant in your new life in Christ?

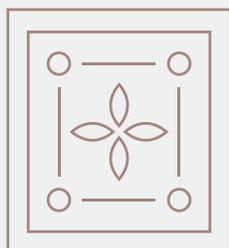
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We begin together by saying:

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:1-2

02

We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



03

One of us reads aloud:

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. Ephesians 2:19–21

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does God grant in your new life in Christ?

God grants me reconciliation with him (2 Corinthians 5:17–19), forgiveness of my sins (Colossians 1:13–14), union with him in Christ (Romans 6:3–5), adoption into his family (Galatians 4:4–7), citizenship in his kingdom (Ephesians 2:19–21; Philippians 3:20), new life in the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4–5), and the promise of eternal life (John 3:16; 1 John 5:12).

What does it mean to be a member of a family? What does it mean for us to be members of God's family?

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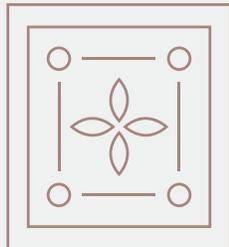
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 16

What does God desire to accomplish in your life in Christ?

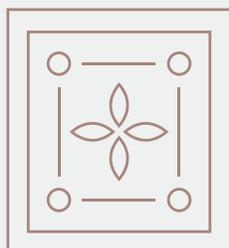
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We begin together by saying:

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. Psalm 30:4

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We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



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One of us reads aloud:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:1–14

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does God desire to accomplish in your life in Christ?

God desires to free me from captivity to sin and transform me into the image of Jesus Christ, by the power of his Holy Spirit. (Exodus 33:18–23; 34:29–35; Psalm 27:4, 7–14; Matthew 17:1–9; Romans 6:5–11; 2 Corinthians 3:12–18)

What does it look like to live as someone who has repented of sin and believes in Jesus? How does this attitude make us different from the world?

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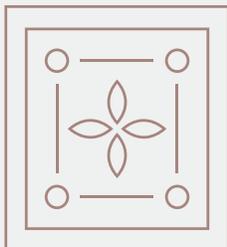
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 17

By what means will God transform you into the image of Jesus Christ?

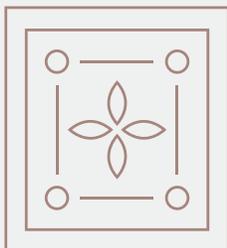
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We begin together by saying:

In you, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in your righteousness. Psalm 31:1

02

We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



03

One of us reads aloud:

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23–25

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

By what means will God transform you into the image of Jesus Christ?

The first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Following this pattern, I will be transformed within the life of the Church through reading Scripture and receiving the sacraments, through worship and prayer, and through fellowship with God’s people and loving witness to the world. (Deuteronomy 6:1–9; 2 Chronicles 7:1–3; Psalm 1; Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:23–25)

What is the purpose of meeting regularly with God’s people Why do we do it? Why is it important to meet regularly with God’s people (church, youth group, Bible study, etc.)?

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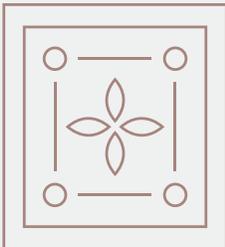
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life: Pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love by your Holy Spirit, that we may delight in the inheritance that is ours as your sons and daughters, and live to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 18

What is a creed?

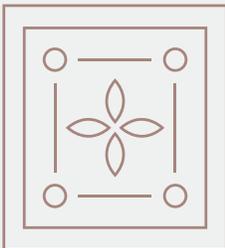
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We begin together by saying:

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:11

02

We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



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One of us reads aloud:

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:24–29

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is a creed?

A creed is a statement of faith. The word "creed" comes from the Latin *credo*, which means "I believe." (Deuteronomy 11:18–23; 26:1–11; John 20:24–29; 1 John 5:9–12) See also Appendix 3 of "To be a Christian" for a list of creeds.

What are some situations where you might be able to share what you believe? Do you think it would be easy or difficult to tell someone what you believe about God?

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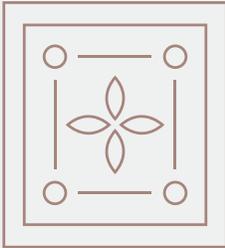
We collect our prayers saying together:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Day 19

What is the purpose of the creeds?

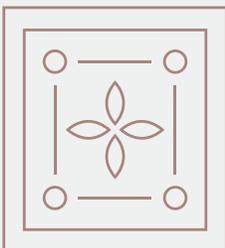
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We begin together by saying:

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22

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We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



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One of us reads aloud:

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Psalm 145:4–13

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is the purpose of the creeds?

The purpose of the creeds is to declare and safeguard for all generations essential truths about God, the Church, and the world, as revealed in Holy Scripture. (Deuteronomy 7:9–11; Psalm 145:4–13; John 20:30–31; 2 Timothy 1:13–14; Hebrews 2:1–4)

Can you think of someone that has helped you understand the goodness of God? How did they share that with you?

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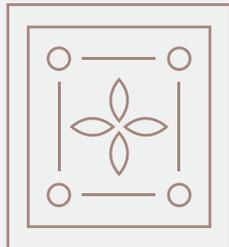
We collect our prayers saying together:

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 20

What does belief in the creeds signify?

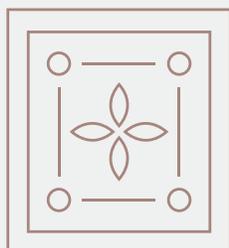
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We begin together by saying:

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. Psalm 37:39

02

We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



03

One of us reads aloud:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does belief in the creeds signify?

Belief in the creeds signifies acceptance of God’s revealed truth and the intention to live by it. To reject any element of the creeds signifies a departure from the Christian faith. (Matthew 16:13–20; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; James 2:10–26)

Who are the people who have taught the faith to you? In what ways can you stay faithful or put into practice what you have learned from them?

05 **Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.**

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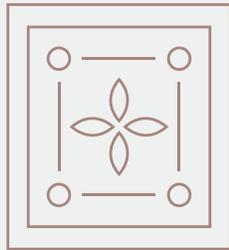
We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, our heavenly Father, you manifested your love by sending your only-begotten Son into the world, that all might live through him: Pour out your Spirit on your Church, that we may fulfill his command to preach the Gospel to all people. Send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and faithful Israel shall be saved; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 21

Which creeds has this church received?

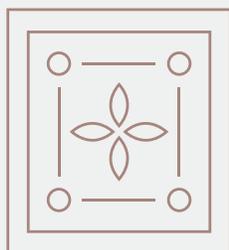
Concerning the Creeds



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We begin together by saying:

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! Psalm 40:13

02

We glorify God together saying:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)



03

One of us reads aloud:

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23-25

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Which creeds has this church received?

This church believes the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. (Articles of Religion, 8)

What happens when you say the creed out loud in church? How can that help you feel less alone in what you believe?

05 Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

06

We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Week Three

Salvation

Concerning the Creeds

Each day of the week, capture your reflections, prayers, and how the Holy Spirit was present to your family.

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What does God grant in your new life in Christ?

Day 15

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What does God desire to accomplish in your life in Christ?

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By what means will God transform you into the image of Jesus Christ?

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What is a creed?

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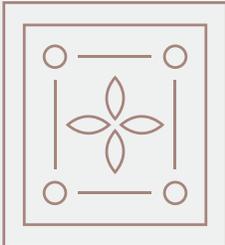
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Why do you receive and believe these creeds?

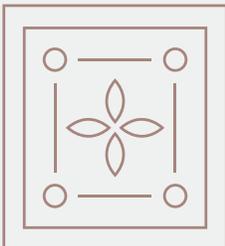
Concerning the Creeds



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We begin together by saying:

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. Psalm 42:11

02

We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. 1 Corinthians 15:3–11

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Why do you receive and believe these creeds?

I receive and believe these creeds with the Church because they are grounded in Holy Scripture and are faithful expressions of its teaching. (Proverbs 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:3–11; Philippians 2:5–11)

What evidence does Paul (the author of the book of 1 Corinthians) give you for the truth that he proclaimed? How does having evidence help you believe?

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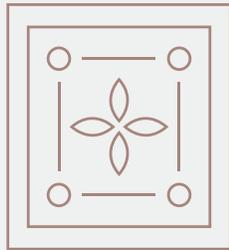
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Why should you know these creeds?

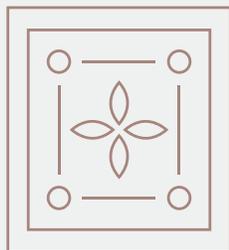
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We begin together by saying:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1

02

We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. 2 Timothy 1:13–14

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

Why should you know these creeds?

I should know these creeds because they state the essential beliefs of the Christian faith. (Deuteronomy 11:18–19; 2 Timothy 1:13–14; 1 Timothy 6:20–21)

What is something in your life that is worth guarding closely? Why should your faith be guarded like that?

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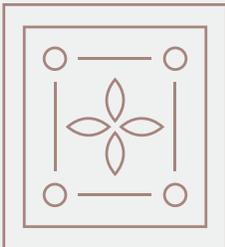
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 24

What is the Apostles' Creed?

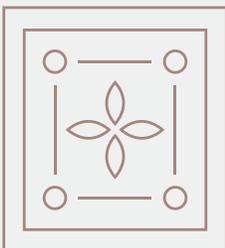
Concerning the Creeds



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We begin together by saying:

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Psalm 47:1

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We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. John 16:7-15

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is the Apostles' Creed?

The Apostles' Creed says:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Can you name a time when
truth gave you comfort?*

*What about a time when
it was difficult to accept?*

*What did you do in those
times?*

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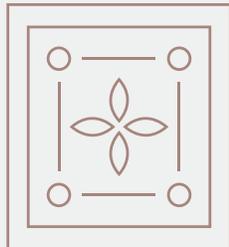
We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life: Pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love by your Holy Spirit, that we may delight in the inheritance that is ours as your sons and daughters, and live to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 25

What is Holy Scripture?

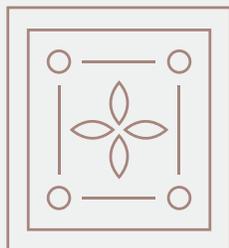
Concerning Holy Scripture



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We begin together by saying:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

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We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



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04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is Holy Scripture?

Holy Scripture is “God’s Word written” (Articles of Religion,20), given by the Holy Spirit through prophets and apostles as the revelation of God and his acts in human history, and is therefore the Church’s final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (Psalm 19:7–11; Jeremiah 36:1–8; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Revelation 1:1–11)

What has your experience been (if any) with reading the Bible? What do you like about it?

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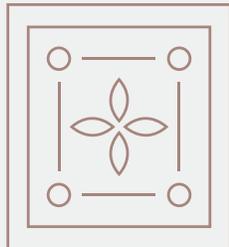
We collect our prayers saying together:

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 26

What books are contained in Holy Scripture?

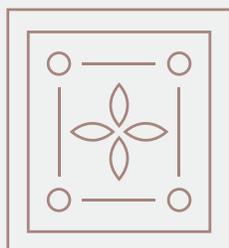
Concerning Holy Scripture



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We begin together by saying:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! Psalm 57:5

02

We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Psalm 19:7-11

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What books are contained in Holy Scripture?

The thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament together form the whole of Holy Scripture. (Articles of Religion, 6)

Do you have a favorite book of the Bible? Why is it your favorite?

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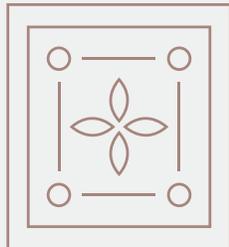
We collect our prayers saying together:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Day 27

What is in the Old Testament?

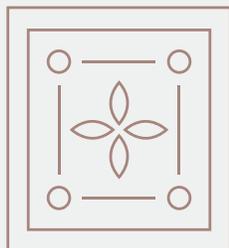
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We begin together by saying:

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2

02

We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is in the Old Testament?

The Old Testament proclaims God's creation of all things; mankind's original disobedience; God's calling of Israel to be his people; his Law, wisdom, and saving deeds; and the teaching of his prophets. The Old Testament bears witness to Christ, revealing God's intention to redeem and reconcile the world through Christ. (Luke 24:44; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Hebrews 11)

What are some stories you know from the Old Testament and which ones are the most memorable?

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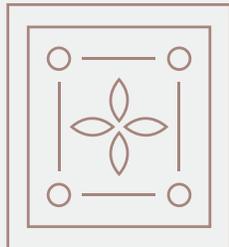
We collect our prayers saying together:

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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What is in the New Testament?

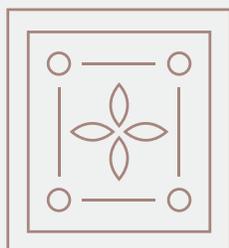
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01

We begin together by saying:

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" Psalm 70:4

02

We glorify God together saying:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



03

One of us reads aloud:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What is in the New Testament?

The New Testament proclaims Jesus Christ's birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension; the Church's early ministry; the teaching of the apostles; the revelation of Christ's eternal kingdom; and the promise of his return. (Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11)

Do you have a favorite story about Jesus from the New Testament? What makes it your favorite?

05 Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

06

We collect our prayers saying together:

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ: We thank you for his witness, and pray that you will give us grace to know the truth, and not to be carried about by every wind of false doctrine, that we may know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Week Four

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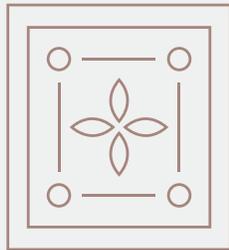
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How are the Old and New Testaments related to each other?

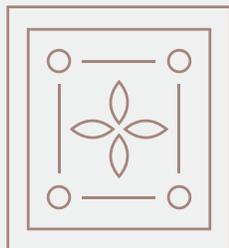
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We begin together by saying:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts. My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Psalm 84:1-2

02

We glorify God together saying:

Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight, My hope and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me. O Lord, what is man, that you have shown such respect to him, or the son of man, that you so regard him? Man is like a thing of nought; his time passes away like a shadow. Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth your lightning and scatter them; shoot out your arrows and consume them. Amen.

Benedictus Dominus



03

One of us reads aloud:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:17-18

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

How are the Old and New Testaments related to each other?

The Old Testament is to be read in the light of Christ, and the New Testament is to be read in light of God's revelation to Israel. Thus the two form one Holy Scripture, which reveals the Person of Jesus Christ and his mighty works. As Saint Augustine says, "The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the New revealed." (Augustine of Hippo, Questions in the Heptateuch 2.73; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 24:25-27)

What parts of the Bible do you find most interesting? Why do you think it is important to read all of the Bible and not just the parts we like?

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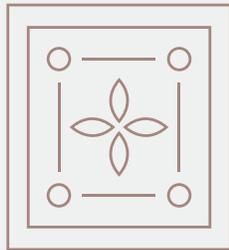
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Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 30

What does it mean that Holy Scripture is inspired?

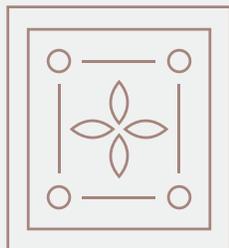
Concerning Holy Scripture



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We begin together by saying:

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 89:1

02

We glorify God together saying:

Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight, My hope and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me. O Lord, what is man, that you have shown such respect to him, or the son of man, that you so regard him? Man is like a thing of nought; his time passes away like a shadow. Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth your lightning and scatter them; shoot out your arrows and consume them. Amen.

Benedictus Dominus



03

One of us reads aloud:

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does it mean that Holy Scripture is inspired?

Holy Scripture is “God-breathed,” for the biblical authors wrote under the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit to record God’s Word. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

What is special about the Bible compared to other books? What does the Bible mean to you?

05 Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

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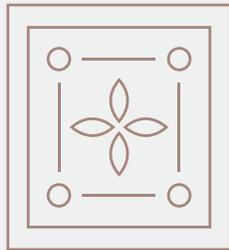
We collect our prayers saying together:

O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 31

What does it mean that Holy Scripture is the Word of God?

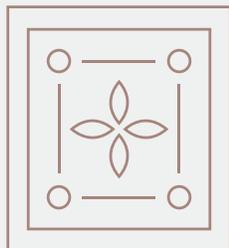
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01

We begin together by saying:

I will say unto the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I will trust." Psalm 91:2

02

We glorify God together saying:

Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight, My hope and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me. O Lord, what is man, that you have shown such respect to him, or the son of man, that you so regard him? Man is like a thing of nought; his time passes away like a shadow. Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth your lightning and scatter them; shoot out your arrows and consume them. Amen.

Benedictus Dominus



03

One of us reads aloud:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. Hebrews 1:1-2

04

We respond to Scripture in conversation:

What does it mean that Holy Scripture is the Word of God?

The Old and New Testaments are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are therefore the Word of God written. God is revealed in his mighty works and in the incarnation of our Lord, which are made known through the inspired writings of the biblical authors. God “has spoken through the prophets” (Nicene Creed) and continues to speak through Scripture today. (Psalm 33:4-9; Jeremiah 1:9; Ezekiel 2:1-3:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 3:15-16; Hebrews 1:1-2)

How can the words you say about God help others to see what He is like?

05 Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

06

We collect our prayers saying together:

O God, without whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truth our reason withers: Consecrate our lives to your will, giving us such purity of heart, such depth of faith, and such steadfastness of purpose, that in time we may come to think your own thoughts after you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Week Five

Concerning Holy Scripture

Each day of the week, capture your reflections, prayers, and how the Holy Spirit was present to your family.

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How are the Old and New Testaments related to each other?

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Catechism in Family Prayer began from a desire to see families, in all of their complexity and beauty, discover the truth of what it means to be Christian together. As Anglicans, it seemed that the best way to do this is through common prayer. Our hope is that whole families and households will pray and learn together, because each household remains the most influential place for spiritual formation. We need catechesis and prayer in our homes.

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