

Mark, Evangelist and Martyr

Year C

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
by the inspired witness of Mark the evangelist
you have given to your Church to gospel
of Jesus Christ your Son:
strengthen us by this saving message
that we may not be carried away
with every changing wind of doctrine
but firmly grounded in the truth of your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah,

Chapter 62 beginning at Verse 6

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

[NRSV Isaiah 62:6-12]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 89:1-9

- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your living-kindness
that it is built for ever:
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:
and let your faithfulness be sung
in the assembly of the holy ones.
- 6 For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:
or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?
- 7 A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:
great and terrible above all that are around him.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?:
your power and your faithfulness are all about you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea:
when its waves surge, you still them.

A reading from the First Book of Peter,

Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 5b

⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders.^[a] And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

“God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert.^[b] Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters^[c] in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you

have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³Your sister church^[d] in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.^[e]

[NRSV 1 Peter 5.5b–14]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,

Chapter 16 beginning at verse 16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes in their hands,^[a] and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.^[b]]]

[NRSV Mark 16:16-20]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.