

Make us real disciples of Jesus, who are willing to defy a cross for the sake of the people we need to serve, and who will experience his resurrection after the darkness.

We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Responsive Prayer for the Third Sunday in Lent (*alt.*)
in *God's People at Prayer: A Year of Prayers and Responses for Worship*
by John Killinger (Abingdon Press, 2006), p.24

The Lord's Prayer

Today's Readings:

Genesis 20.1-17
John 2.13-22

A time of reflection

Crimes of (not) passion

Hymn: The Church's one foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

- 2 Called out from every nation,
yet one through all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.
- 3 In toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
at last the Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.
- 4 Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
with them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven your face shall see.

Samuel John Stone (1832-1900)
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Blessing

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament.
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!
Amen.

Psalm 150 (NRSV)



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