

Morning Prayer Bishop Denis Madden

OPENING PRAYER: Bishop Madden

Together, let us make the sign of the cross, a reminder of the love that God has for us.

Merciful God, we praise you for this day. Through this time of prayer, help us to remember all those who suffer from hunger and poverty, for we are their brothers and sisters. Help us to show them true love, so that we might all become fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsty world. Amen.

Psalm 15 1-5:

(Reader Introduces Left/ Right reading Antiphonally)

LEFT: Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?

RIGHT: Whoever walks without blame,
Doing what is right,
Speaking truth from the heart;
Who does not slander a neighbor,
Does no harm to another,
Never defames a friend;

LEFT: Who despises the wicked,
But honors those who fear the Lord;
Who keeps an oath despite the cost,
Lends no money at interest,
Accepts no bribe against the innocent.

RIGHT: Whoever acts like this
Shall never be shaken.

Psalm-prayer:

(Reader asks them to all respond)

ALL:

Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body,
You said: Blessed are the merciful,
They will obtain mercy. Teach us
To come to the aid of the needy in
A spirit of love, that we in turn may
Be received and strengthened by you.

We ask this in your holy name, AMEN.

READER:

A reading from Luke's Gospel (4:16-19)

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
And went according to his custom into the
Synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to
Read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage
Where it was written:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to
the captives and recovery of sight
To the blind,
To let the oppressed go free,
And to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Reflection by Bishop Madden on Reading

Intercessions:

BISHOP MADDEN:
Gentle and Loving God, hear these prayers we
Lay before you now.

READER:
Let our response be: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the church, the community of saints and sinners, we pray.

For all the people of the world and their leaders, especially
Those who have been victimized by war and oppression, we pray.

For the sick, the imprisoned, the neglected and the abused, we pray.

For those who have devoted their lives to serve the poor and needy, we pray.

For those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we pray.

For what else shall we pray...

For all our friends and families who have died, we pray.

BISHOP MADDEN:

Now together we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father....

BISHOP MADDEN:

**Dear Jesus, you call us to be a welcoming people and
To recognize our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate
As our equals. Help us to be a light of hope to them and the
World around us. We ask this, as we do all things, in your Holy Name. Amen.**