

DEVOTIONS FOR TUESDAY

The Incarnate Life of Christ: Revelation and Human Knowledge

Opening Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (Hebrews 13:15)

Opening Words

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

Canticle — The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

- 1 Blessèd be the Lord the God of Israel,
 who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
 born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through the holy prophets God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of those who hate us,
- 4 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hand of our enemies.
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
 and the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Reading — Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

Intercessions — The Incarnate Life of Christ: Revelation and Human Knowledge

God our Father,
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ,
to share our life on earth,
to grow in wisdom,
to toil with his hands,

and to make known the ways of your kingdom.

INTERCESSION

We pray for THE COMMUNITY

those who work ...

the unemployed ...

those in education ...

those in research ...

those in communications ...

those who maintain the life of the community ...

THANKSGIVING

God our Father, we give you thanks

for Christ's revelation of yourself,

his care for people,

and his joy in obedience ...

for the value he gave to human labour,

the strength he promised us for service,

the call to follow in his way ...

for all opportunities of work and of leisure,

all truth that we have learned,

and all discoveries we have made ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Give us deeper reverence for the truth, and such wisdom in the use of knowledge that your kingdom may be advanced and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help;

that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name,

and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Words

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)