

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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Prayer of the Day

L: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are

invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Prayers of the People

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need.

(A brief silence.)

L: Merciful Father in Heaven, strengthen church leaders to speak your true word to your people, and teach your people to welcome all to your banquet table. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We thank you for the abundance of creation and for all the blessings of Grace which you share with us. Help us to be faithful stewards of these things you give that we may be blessings to the world in your name. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Break the bonds of human captivity and injustice. Guide the leaders of the nations, and bring peace and mercy for all people. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Especially be present with all those we lift before you now in the earnest prayers of our hearts. *(P A U S E)*. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless this congregation to be a place of mercy and grace, and a joyful source of support and care for our neighbors. Strengthen us from your store of love and respect. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

L: Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet to come, we give you thanks for all those who have died in faith and come to your table of salvation. Keep us, in spiritual union with them, until the day of Your righteousness. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.