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### **Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

### **The First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord

opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

### **The Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### **The Gospel: John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

## **Prayers of the People**

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

*(A brief silence.)*

Leader: Holy God, ruler of all heaven and earth, renew your call to all people, and raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Nourish your whole creation, and teach us to steward what you have given us to your honor and glory and for the sake of the generations to come. Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Help us to extend your hospitality into the world. Inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far, and make us instruments of your peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Send your faithful servants into the lives of those who are abused, and be present also with all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Especially all those we lift before you now in the earnest prayers of our hearts. (P-A-U-S-E) Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Grant patience and perseverance to your people who are unemployed or underemployed. Strengthen them in their search for employment and a return to the dignity we all seek as productive people in your world. Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

Leader: You have blessed us and all your saints with the gift of salvation by the sacrifice of your Son. Make us into the hands and feet of Christ for the sake of this broken and needy world and until the day of his glorious return. Hear us, O God.

**Cong.: Your mercy is great.**

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

**Cong.:**

**Amen.**