

Daily Devotions—In the Morning

Remembering the Pioneers of the Episcopal Anglican Church in Brazil

The Officiant begins the service with a greeting to God and the new day.

All present and all loving God,
Now that the night is over we rise and give you praise.
Active and watchful, we stand before you.
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation.
O God, we adore you.

The Reading for Today from the Second Book of Esdras

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. Then I asked an angel, "Who are these, my lord?" He answered and said to me, "These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms." Then I said to the angel, "Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?" He answered and said to me, "He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world." So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, "Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Psalm 125

Please join me in reading psalm 125.

**Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

**The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

**The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over
the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

**Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.**

**As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.**

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

A Morning Hymn (#528)



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as



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trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly



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each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
give. May your care and mer - cy lead us

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Prayers

Let us pray.

O God, who sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: we bless you for the missionaries from the Episcopal Church and those who first responded to their message, joining together to establish the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; and we pray that we, like them, may be ready to preach Christ crucified and risen, and to encourage and support those who pioneer new missions in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

I invite your prayers for ourselves and others

- Wisdom and strength for our leaders, both in the Church and in the World.*
- Healing for those who are sick.*
- Comfort for those who are in need or sorrow.*
- Protection for those who are in danger.*
- Presence for those who are lonely or afraid.*
- Welcome into the light of Christ for those who have died.*
- Thanksgiving for our blessings.*

And now let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

As we end this time of morning prayer, let us pray together.

**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to
this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into
sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling
of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**