

St. Therese of Lisieux – October 1

Morning Prayer

HYMN

From your bright place in heaven,
Thérèse, where you now reign,
Let fall a shower of roses,
Do not our prayer disdain.

Fair roses tinged with glory:
Faith's light, hope's glad desire,
Love's flame, so strong yet tender,
To set our hearts afire.

Send too the rose of childhood,
That trusting openness
Which finds in every moment
Our Father's will to bless.

We honor you, O Jesus,
Revealed to little ones,
With Father and blest Spirit
While course of ages runs.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 My soul clings to you, your right hand holds me fast.

Psalm 62 (63):2-9

A soul thirsting for God

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Ant. 1 My soul clings to you, your right hand holds me fast.

Ant. 2 You holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
All you winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Lightning and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

The Glory be is not said.

Ant. 2 You holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.

Ant. 3 The Lord takes delight in his people, he crowns the poor with salvation.

Psalm 149

The song of joy of the saints

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained
this honor is for all his faithful.

Ant. 3 The Lord takes delight in his people, he crowns the poor with salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 8:14-17

Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry to God, "Father! my Father!" God's spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. I will pour out upon her * a river of peace. **Repeat R.**

V And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream, * a river of peace. Glory . . **R**

BENEDICTUS

Lk 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
To set us free from the hand of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

INTERCESSIONS

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given Saint Thérèse to us as a model of the evangelical life.
Let us pray to him and say:

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you said, `Whoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink;' - make us thirsty for your love.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you said, `If you do not become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven,' - help us to love you in simplicity of heart.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you told us, `There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents;' - help us to have a childlike trust in your mercy.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you said, `Whoever does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven,' - give us a spirit of faithful obedience to all your commands.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you said, `Whatsoever you do to one of the least of my brethren you do to me;' - may we see you today in our brothers and sisters, and love you in them.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, you said, `The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he send laborers into the harvest;' - give to all of us the missionary spirit of Saint Thérèse, who longed for the salvation of souls.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Our Father . . .

PRAYER

God our Father,
you have promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children.
Help us to follow the way of Saint Thérèse with confidence
so that by her prayers
we may come to know your eternal glory.
Grant this through our Lord.