

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020[↑]
Commemoration of Elizabeth of Hungary
Princess, 1251

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If there are 2 lessons, a reading and subsequent canticle may be omitted.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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

**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.**

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the herubim;
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; praised and exalted above
all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praised and exalted above all for
ever.**

**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.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our
hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.
Amen.

Psalm 109

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; for your tender
mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 *For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.*

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.

23 *My knees are weak through fasting, and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.*

24 I have become a reproach to them; they see and shake their heads.

25 *Help me, O Lord my God; save me for your mercy's sake.*

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.

A reading from Gospel of Luke

Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, and the rulers of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; they shall bring into it the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life, yielding its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there, and his servants shall worship him; and they shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, by your grace your servant Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and honored Jesus in the poor of this world: Grant that we, following her example, may with love and gladness serve those in any need or trouble, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts that we may feel their anguish

and their joy.

Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days be able to do some work of justice and peace for you. *Amen.*

O God: You bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear, new life out of grief and loss. As Mary returned to mourn yet found unspeakable joy, so comfort all who have lost their homes through persecution, war, exile, or deliberate destruction. Give them security, a place to live, and neighbors they trust to be, with them, a new sign of peace to the world. *Amen*

Hear our prayer for all those who will die today because of war and economic oppression, especially the children. Prepare them for the agony, despair, and terror of the violence that is upon them. Comfort them and hold them close to the bosom of your heart as they drink deeply of the bitter cup which is forced upon them. Wipe their tears, calm their fears, welcome them to peace and safety. Eternal rest grant to them, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May all rise in judgment against the wickedness that brings this violence upon the world. Overturn the thrones of tyranny, scatter the unjust, cast down the bloody rulers who make the cry of the widow and orphan rise to heaven. Give us your grace and strength to stand against the demonic powers which prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Grant that peace with justice will come to all the world. *Amen.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Lead us from death to life, *from falsehood to truth.*

Lead us from despair to hope, *from fear to trust.*

Lead us from hate to love, *from war to peace.*

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Thanks be to God.

The numerous "St. Elizabeth's Hospitals" throughout the world are for the most part named, not for the Biblical [Elizabeth](#), the mother of [John the Baptist](#), but for this [princess](#) of [Hungary](#). She was concerned for the relief of the poor and the sick, and with her husband's consent she used her [dowry](#) money for their relief. During a famine and epidemic in 1226, while her husband was away in [Italy](#), she sold her jewels and established a hospital where she nursed the sick, and opened the royal [granaries](#) to feed the hungry. After her husband's death in 1227, her in-laws, who opposed her "extravagances," expelled her from [Wartburg](#). Finally an arrangement was

negotiated with them that gave her a stipend. She became a [Franciscan tertiary](#) ([lay](#) associate) and devoted the remainder of her life to nursing and charity. She sewed garments to clothe the poor, and went fishing to feed them.

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