**Friday Morning Prayer From The Northumbria Community**

We Pray **(All) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Silence**

﻿One thing I have asked of the Lord,

this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

﻿all the days of my life;

to behold the beauty of the Lord

and to seek Him in His temple.

**﻿Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Most powerful Holy Spirit,

**(All) come down**

**upon us**

**and subdue us.**

**From heaven,**

**where the ordinary**

**is made glorious,**

**and glory seems but ordinary,**

**bathe us**

**with the brilliance**

**of Your light like dew.**

**﻿To whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life,**

**and we have believed and have come to know**

**that You are the Holy One of God.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,**

**King of endless glory.**

**Responsory**

**﻿**Call - Who is it that you seek?

**Response - We seek the Lord our God.**

Call - Do you seek Him with all your heart?

**Response - Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call - Do you seek Him with all your soul?

**Response - Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call - Do you seek Him with all your mind?

**Response - Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call - Do you seek Him with all your strength?

**Response - Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

The Word Of God In Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.  
  
2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.  
  
3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.  
  
4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.  
  
5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.  
  
7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**MEDITATION**

Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

**Silence**

## **Gospel Reading**

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And Also with you.**

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ But they said, ‘What is that to us? See to it yourself.’ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, ‘It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.’ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, ‘And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.’

Gospel Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Litany**

Canticle Christ,

as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

**(All) Christ under me;**

**Christ over me;**

**Christ beside me on my left and my right.**

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;

in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

**﻿(All)** **Christ as a light;**

**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me on my left and my right.**

We pray for others…Amen

Aloud or silent prayer

We pray for ourselves…Amen

Aloud or silent prayer

We pray for the dearly departed…Amen

Aloud or silent prayer

And together we pray,

**﻿(All)** **Christ as a light;**

**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me on my left and my right. Amen.**

As Our Saviour Christ taught us we are bold to say:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

﻿The Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,

protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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Closing Responses

**The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,**

**And keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**