The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 9C July 3, 2022*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

Catechesis Notes for Week – Psalm 2 – Like Psalm 1, Psalm 2 is a prepatory Psalm about the promised Messianic King. “The ends of the earth Your possession.” Those who are His, who take refuge in Him, are called “blessed.” Here David describes how the resistance of the rulers of the world fight against the kingdom of the Messiah. In Acts 4, Peter and John quote Psalm 2 when confronted by the Sanhedrin. Under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John understood that the nations who rage and the people who fought against the Lord were Herod, Pontius Pilate, Annas, Caiphas, and other Jes and Gentiles who were all allied against Jesus at His trial and death. Later in Acts 13, St. Paul quotes verse 7, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you,” at the synagogue in Antioch as proof that God has kept His promise by sending His Son and raising Him from the dead. This Psalm teaches us how to pray the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, as the Kingdom of God comes without our prayers, but we pray that it comes for us also.

***Invocation*** -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Verse:** Luke 13:20-21 – And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 2**

**New Testament Stories Year III: Gospel of Luke**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Propers 9C – Luke 10:1-20 |
| Monday | The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree – Luke 13:1-9 |
| Tuesday | A Woman is Healed on the Sabbath – Luke 13:10-17 |
| Wednesday | The Mustard Seed and the Leaven – Luke 13:18-35 |
| Thursday | A Man with Dropsy Is Healed on the Sabbath – Luke 14:1-14 |
| Friday | The Parable of the Great Supper – Luke 14:15-35 |
| Saturday | Old Testament Propers for 10C – Leviticus 19:9-18 |

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| **Catechism: The Office of the Keys** | **Grades** |
| What is the Office of the Keys? The office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent | 1st+ |
| Where is it written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. (John 20:22-23 | 2nd+ |
| What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself. | 3rd+ |