The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 20C September 18, 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 the week – Psalm 13 – Psalm 13 is a psalm from one person’s perspective. It is an individual lament because the Psalmist expresses his struggles and sorrow. And at only six verses long, Psalm 13 packs a punch. It hits home so hard because we have all been in the psalmist’s place. We have been in places of sorrow and despair. We have also felt as if God is absent and not acting in love towards us. Amid this sorrow and feeling of abandonment (both physical and spiritual), there is hope that God will act on behalf of His people. Then the psalm’s final two verses are a declaration of God’s work because all has been restored. Christ, whom we pray all psalms with, fulfilled this psalm. There upon the cross He was abandoned by the Father ‘**Why have. You forsaken Me?**” Jesus suffered so that your prayers would be answered by Him who has “dealt bountifully with” the Psalmist.

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

**Verse:** Psalm 33:6 – By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: 13**

**Year I – Old Testament Stories: Year 1**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel 20C – Luke 16:1-15 |
| Monday | Creation: The First Four Days – Genesis 1:1-19 |
| Tuesday | Creation: Days Five and Six – Genesis 1:20-31 |
| Wednesday | Chapel – Luke 14:26-27 |
| Thursday | Creation: Day of Rest – Genesis 2:1-7 |
| Friday | Creation: Man and the Garden of Eden – Genesis 2:8-25 |
| Saturday | The Fall of Man into Sin – Genesis 3:1-8 |

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| **Catechism: First Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. | 1st+ |
| He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. | 2nd+ |