The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 28C November 13, 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 20 – Psalm 20 is a fitting psalm for the week after elections. It ends by saying **“O Lord, save the king! May he answer us when we call.”** Philip Melanchthon in his *Comments on the Psalms*, writes “At the end an exclamation has been added, because God certainly is the one who hears those who call on him; let us who have been strengthened by this promise stir up our faith and call on him. And this psalm will be more clear and sweet to us if we will recite it frequently, praying for the government and thinking about the great dangers that face all pious governors. And we should remember the commandment of God, so that we would seek him from the heart. May he rule and help all who are in command. May he grant tranquil political orders, which would be respectable promoters of churches and education. May he restrain villainy, pillaging and the dissolution of discipline.” This is an example of the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer where God provides our daily bread, which includes “devout and faithful rulers, good government.”

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

**Verse:** 1 John 3:2 – Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 20**

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

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel – Luke 21:5-28 |
| Monday | Abraham sends for a Bride for Isaac – Genesis 24:1-28 |
| Tuesday | Rebekah – Genesis 24:29, 32-38, 42-49, 58-67 |
| Wednesday | Jacob and Esau: Esau Sells His Birthright –  Genesis 25:19-34 |
| Thursday | Isaac Blessed Jacob – Genesis 27:1-29 |
| Friday | Heaven is Opened at Bethel – Genesis 27:46 – 28:33 |
| Saturday | OT – Malachi 3:13-18 |

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| **Catechism: Lord’s Prayer: Introduction and 1st Petition** | **Grades** |
| Introduction:  Our Father who art in Heaven. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father. | 1st+ |
| 1st Petition:  Hallowed be Thy name. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. | 2nd+ |