

St Bride's

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Wednesday Morning Prayer (JPJ)

Late have we loved You



Opening prayer

**As we gather
we seek your presence, O God.**

**Not because you are ever absent
but rather that we easily forget.**

**Open our eyes, awaken our hearts
attune us to your Spirit.**

**Help us to know that you are always present to us,
the One who is always Now,
the mystery of Christ in us.**

A Prayer of St Augustine *(music by Gungor)*

Late have I loved you,
O Beauty so ancient, so new.
Late have I loved you
you were within me, but I was outside you
it was there that I searched for you
it was there that I searched for you

Late have I loved you,
O Beauty so ancient, so new.
you were here with me
but I was not with You
it was there that you found me
it was there that you found me

You called and you shouted,
you broke through my deafness.
You flashed and you shone,
dispelled my blindness.
You breathed your fragrance on me
You breathed your fragrance on me
Late have I loved you

I drew in your breath
I keep on breathing
I've tasted I've seen
And now I want more
You breathed your fragrance on me
You breathed your fragrance on me
Late have I loved you

Shared Silence

Be still and aware of God's Presence within, among and all around.



Readings

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Colossians 1:9-20

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been

created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*reflect on the Scripture and remember
that the life of heaven and earth are interwoven*

A Time for Prayers

Light a candle, say a prayer – silent or spoken



The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A Doxology (Jude vs 24,25 contemporary paraphrase)

**Now to the One who is able to keep us from falling,
and to lift us up perfected in the presence of his radiance, with joy;**

**to the One divine liberating Presence,
shown to us as 'I AM' through Jesus the Anointed,**

**towards this One let there be wonder, praise, wakening and surrender,
for all time.**

Amen

