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WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE LITURGICALLY AT ALL TIMES

"Liturgy does not mean some hours spent by believers in participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, performing vespers or matins or baptisms or marriage celebrations etc., but it is in its essence the true communion with Christ. This liturgical life is not lived only when a believer participates in common worship whatever it is, but it dwells within his heart even when he is alone in his room" Fr. Tadros Malaty

"And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read , when the reader has ceased, the overseer verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the overseer in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given." Justin Martyr (155 A.D.)

Vespers & Matins: Preparation of the Heart

OUR FATHER, THANK YOU!

1. Am I aware of God's Presence in my life?

2. Am I offering a heart of Thanksgiving?

"For there is no death for your servants but a departure." Litany of the Departed

"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." John 11:11

LORD SAVE ME FROM MY DARKNESS

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." PSALM 119:103-105

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever." Revelation 22:5



COME TO GOD WITH AUTHENTIC VULNERABILITY

ORDER OF PRAYERS: 1.OUR FATHER, 2.THANKSGIVING, 3.VERSES OF CYMBALS, 4.LITANIES, 5.GOSPELS

PREPARING MY HEART: RECOGNIZING HIS PRESENCE, OFFERING A THANKFUL HEART COMING TO GOD WITH AUTHENTIC VULNERABILITY

LIVING THE LITURGY Part 2 - Are You All In?



Vespers & Matins --> The Offering --> Liturgy of the Word

"O Christ Our God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, hear us, have mercy on us, and forgive us our sins, Amen." The offering (John 1:29)

God is ALL IN. Are you?

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1

"O God, the great, the eternal without beginning without end…who is in all places and dwell with everyone be with us also our master in this hour and stand in the midst of us all…" Pauline Epistle Prayer

"...Grant us at all times to walk in their (apostles) footsteps and to imitate their struggle..." Catholic Epistle Prayer

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:22-25

"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." Luke 9:23-24

What are you still holding on to?

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."



Notes:

LIVING THE LITURGY Part 3 - Lift Up Your Heart

Vespers & Matins --> The Offering --> Liturgy of the Word



"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." James 2:19-22

"For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Romans 5:10

"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." Colossians 3:12-13

The Creed --> Prayer of Reconciliation--> Anaphora



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Exodus 15:11

"But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" 1 Peter 1:15-16

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5



LIVING THE LITURGY Part 4 - A Union of Love

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"And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:19-20

"He instituted for us this great mystery of Godliness for being determined to give Himself up to death for the life of the world." Institution Narrative

"And we ask You, O Lord our God...that your Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts set forth. Purify them, change them, and manifest them as a sanctification of your saints." Epiclesis



Lord, help me join you by being a sacrifice for the world

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:15-17



"And we too who are sojourners in this world keep us in your faith and grant us your peace unto the end... Lead us throughout the way into Your kingdom..." Liturgy of the Faithful

"The Holies are for the holy, blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God; the sanctification is by the Holy Spirit. Amen." Liturgy of the Faithful

GO AND BE MY EXTENSION OF LOVE IN THE WORLD

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