

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

3<sup>rd</sup> Last Sunday

November 9-15, 2008

## The Church Calendar

### **November 15 – Albert the Great, *Friar and Scholar***

Albertus Magnus was born in Swabia (in Germany) in 1206. He studied at the University of Padua, and then, against his family's wishes, joined the newly founded Order of Preachers (Dominicans). He became a famous teacher, with headquarters at Cologne from 1248 on. His pupils included Thomas Aquinas.

His writings are considerable both in bulk and in scope. They are concerned not only with biblical and theological studies, but also with logic, metaphysics, ethics, physics, astronomy, chemistry, biology, human and animal physiology, geography, geology, and botany. He says that in some areas, such as questions about the nature of God, men cannot draw sound conclusions by themselves because they lack the necessary data. But he is an enthusiastic supporter of the autonomy of human reason, working on empirical data, in areas of knowledge where those data are relevant. Given an longstanding belief in his day that eagles incubate only one egg and rear only one offspring per season, he had himself lowered over a cliff edge and down to an eagle's nest, so that he might check for himself.

**Collect:** O Almighty God, who didst give to thy servant Albert special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant, we beseech thee, that by this teaching we may know thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

## The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

**R: and my mouth will declare your praise**

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

**R: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.**

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-67/46; Mo-51/85; Tu-54/28; We-65/125; Th-143/81;

Fri-86/6; Sa-122/141

### The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Optional</b>
Sun	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13	Baruch 4:17-37
Mon	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30	Baruch 5
Tue	Jer. 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46	Baruch 6:1-29
Wed	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19	Baruch 6:30-70
Thu	Jeremiah 26:1-19	Matthew 26:20-35	Rev. 13:1-18
Fri	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56	Rev. 14:1-20
Sat	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75	Rev. 15:1-8

### The Catechism

#### The Sacrament of the Altar

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**These words, Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**

**These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.**

### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (prayed together)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver + us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Creed (confessed by all)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting . Amen.**

The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R: And let my cry come to You.**

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

**R: For You answer me.**

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

**R: And blot out all my iniquity.**

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**R: And renew a right spirit within me.**

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

**R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.**

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

**R: My lips shall praise You**

V: Because You have been my help.

**R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.**

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.

**R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.**

V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

**R: I will glorify Your name forever.**

V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

**R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.**

V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

**R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

**R: Listen to my cry for mercy.**

The Collect

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, show Thy mercy unto Thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever on God, world without end. Amen.

In our prayers: Pastor, Jerry Gullet, Virginia Robinson, Vickie Spaulding, Richard Eaches, Jackie Caudill, Doug Thomas, Sam Cooper, Cristy Pinix, Rev. Leonard Riddle, Laurie Cornelius, and Carter Cornelius

Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

**I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

V: Let us bless the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.

**R: Amen.**