



GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Michael and All Angels

(29 September 2018)

FRIENDLY REMINDER

(Please light a blue Candle to represent our faith)

The Collect

Lord God of hosts

You created the angels to worship and serve you:

Grant that as they inspire us

In our worship they may also strengthen us

In our fight against evil;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THEME: WORSHIP AND SERVICE			
Procession	New every morning	Gospel	Matthew 18:1-10
Introit	All hail the power of Jesus	Offertory 1	O Lord my God
1 st Reading	Job 38: 1-7	Communion 1	What a friend we have in Jesus
Psalm	148:1-6	Communion 2	Trust and obey
2 nd Reading	Revelation 12:7-12	Recessional	Give me joy in my heart

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Gradual	Around the throne of God (TUNE: when I survey the wondrous cross)		
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GFS History in South Africa

Girls Friendly Society (GFS) was established in 1900. According to research It was operating in big cities like Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth.

Only whites were allowed to be part of it as it was operating during Apartheid regime. GFS in the world made a decision to meet after every 3 years and GFS World Council was formed to share the progress and challenges of the Organization among the member countries.

GFS World Council became aware of the exclusion of Black people in South Africa. Also, through the underground structures of movements which were against Apartheid. GFS World Council queried that exclusion and demanded the answers from the South African delegation. The response was yes there are black Anglican women in South Africa but they are the domestic workers of our houses and according to our laws cannot seat with us in meetings also they stay very far from our places.

GFS World Council put pressure requesting GFS South Africa to include Black people as people are the same in the eyes of the Lord or forfeit their membership in the GFS World Council.

GFS South Africa opted to forfeit the GFS World membership and closed it down in 1955. The then system thrown the GFS to the then Transkei Bantu stan in early sixties. The diocese of St Johns welcomed it with warm hands. Some GFS funds were used to address the general needs of the churches. GFS in Port Elizabeth built a beautiful GFS chapel at St Pauls Parish with the funds that they had at that time.

The discussions of aligning boys to GFS started in 1999. After the processes were followed the synod confirmed the boy's alignment and their Association was named Boys Friendly Society.

In South Africa the GFS/BFS is operating in 12 dioceses other diocese are in the process of establishing branches.

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PROCESSION HYMN

New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

It is our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

INTROIT HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem-of-Jesse's Rod,
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song
The crowned Lord of all.

Welcome to Liturgy

LEADER: Friends in Christ, we have come together to meet with God and to take our part in the serving and building up of his Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world we live in and for ourselves.
(Today.....)

O Lord, open our lips
And we shall declare your praise.

LEADER: The bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the trust is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

Confession

God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.

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Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

LEADER (Priest)

Grant, O Lord, to your faithful people your pardon and peace, that they may be washed from their sins and serve you with clear mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

LEADER: The Lord be with you
And also with you.

GLORIA (SAID)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.
Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

First Reading: Job 38: 1-7

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

2 "Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?"

3 Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?"

Tell me, if you understand.

5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

6 On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

7 while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels[a] shouted for joy?

Psalm 148: 1-6

1. Praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.
2. Praise him all his angels: O praise him all his host.
3. Praise him sun and moon: Praise him all you stars of light.
4. Praise him you highest heaven: and you water that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made.
6. He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

Second reading: Revelation 12:7-12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers^[a] has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

GRADUAL HYMN:

Around the throne of God a band
Of glorious angels ever stand;
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,

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And on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will:
And some, when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below.

Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
To do us harm or curse us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With angels round thy throne at last.

The Gospel,

Matthew 18:1-10

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

² And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

³ And said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name received me.

⁶ But who so shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it was better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and that he was drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

⁸ Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

⁹ And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

¹⁰ Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Address/Homily on the Theme of Prayer

The Nicene Creed

LEADER: Let us affirm the faith of the Church by saying together the Nicene Creed.

All standing

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth of all that is unseen and seen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light true God from true God begotten, not made, of one Being with the father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and he was buried. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified who has spoken through prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Intercession

Reader 1

Almighty God, you have taught us to give thanks for all people and all things. We thank you for the beauty and the wonders of creation. For all that is gracious and for the lives of men and women.

For our daily food, for homes, families and friends, for health, strength and the gift of skills to work with, for leisure time to rest and play, for patience in suffering, for courage and faithfulness in difficult times.

For all who pursue justice and truth, today we give you thanks for the prayers of the Saints and all Martyrs whose lives have reflected the light of Christ in this world.

Father we thank you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Reader 2

We pray for the continual growth and fellowship of the Anglican Communion throughout the World, for our bishops, priests and all leaders of your church and especially the leaders of the GFS world-wide. We pray for THEMBEKA PAMA – our World President and all members of GFS and family of Christ. Strengthen our society to carry forward the work of GFS, in truth and in love.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Reader 3

Father, we pray for all our GFS members and all their family members and friends, for those known and not known to us. We also pray for those who have come to know Christ through the ministry of the GFS. Grant that our GFS objectives may be achieved through your holy name, that we may serve Christ in each other and love as he has loved us. Help us to put into good practice our GFS Motto "Bear one another's burdens".

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Reader 4

Father we pray for those who have lost you, that they may repent and know the truth in Christ. We remember and bring before you all who are suffering from all different kinds of sickness, and especially for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases.

May you be with them in their pains and sufferings, and may you also be with all doctors and nurses who work with them, that you will give them more skills and your wisdom.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Reader 5

Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound; we pray for those who are at conflict. Take away from them, all that causes division, hatred, and plans to take revenge. May they come to understand and to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law of LOVE.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Reader 6

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness; you gave us your Son Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from our sins.

Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people.

Lord bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as son.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. AMEN.

Sharing of Peace

LEADER: Listen to the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ " I give you a new commandment: love one another, as I have loved you, so are you to love one another. If there is this love among you, then you will know that you are my friends, and not servants."

The peace of Our Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

"Peace be with you:

Let us all sing "Shalom my friend Shalom" as we offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:

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*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow with humble adoration,
And then proclaim, 'My God, how great Thou art!'
Refrain

**(As the offertory hymn is sung, collection or offerings
can be collected or put in the offering box/plate)**

Offertory prayer:

LEADER: Lord to you belong the greatness, and the
power, and the glory and the victory, and the majesty
**All that is in the heaven and on the earth is yours, and
of your own we give back to you.**

Eucharistic prayers: From any Anglican Prayer Book

COMMUNION HYMN 1

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

COMMUNION HYMN 2

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

Refrain

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

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Spiritual communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen

LEADER: We all say together the GFS Prayer

O God our Father, we thank you for your goodness, love and mercy to all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society worldwide. Help us to bear one another's burdens, as members of one family in Jesus Christ. We ask for your blessings on our members, that we may grow in grace through your spirit. Help us to know in our lives, the joy of your everlasting love through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

Lord Jesus Christ, send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your holy name. AMEN.

LEADER: Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage and hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, give honour to all, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Priest: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

(If no Priest:)

And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, with us and remain with us now and forever. AMEN.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the break of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me serving till the break of day. [Refrain]



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