

Catholic Bible Institute – October 22, 2016  
**Opening Prayer - Elizabeth Group**

Opening Song: (vv 1-3)

**Seek Ye First**

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 Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Deut. 8:3)

2-part round or song



1  
 Seek ye first the kingdom of God And its right - eous ness,  
 Ask and it shall be giv en un - to you, Seek and ye shall find,  
 We shall not live by bread a - lone, but by ev' - ry word

2  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

And all else shall be add - ed un - to you, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Knock and it shall be op - ened un - to you, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That pro - ceeds from the mouth - of - God, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Reading** (Matt 7:1-5, 7-12)

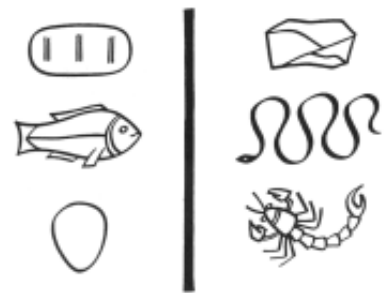
**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples, “Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye, while the wooden beam is in your eye?’ You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39:2-5)

**Response:** You are my only hope.

**Men:** I will watch my ways, lest I sin with my tongue;  
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth. (*Response*)

**Women:** Mute and silent before the wicked, I refrain from good things,  
But my sorrow increases. (*Response*)

**Men:** My heart smolders within me.  
In my sighing a fire blazes up and I break into speech. (*Response*)

**Women:** Lord, let me know my end, the number of my days,  
that I may learn how frail I am. (*Response*)

## Intercessions

**Leader:** The risen Jesus said to his disciples, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” The response to our petitions is, “*Lord, help us to do what you command us.*”

For the Church, for Pope Francis, bishops, priests, religious, and all the faithful, that we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to remain faithful and proclaim the Gospel. We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

For our President, Governor, legislators, judges, and all in service to the common good, that through the gift of heavenly wisdom they may promote life, peace and justice. We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

May St. Pope John Paul II help us, “Remember that we are never alone, Christ is with us on our journey every day of our lives. We must walk with him who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life.”  
We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

For those who are poor, sick, suffering, homeless, and unemployed, may the Lord help us be “his ears to listen to their cries, be his voice to speak out in love, be his feet to walk beside them, and be his hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.” We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

We pray for those the Lord has called by name to serve his Church as priests, sisters, deacons and lay ministers, that their hearts be open to hear His call. We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

That Jesus, the perfect steward, will show us that complete trust in him is necessary if we are to lead the life of true discipleship, and that giving of self is an important part of following him.  
We pray to the Lord... (*Response*)

## The Lord's Prayer:

**Leader:** Together, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

## Closing Prayer:

**ALL:** Lord, in the silence of this day, we open the door to peace. We come to ask you for peace, wisdom, and strength. Today, we want to look at the world with love. We want to be patient, understanding, humble, meek, and good. To see your children beyond their outward appearance, as you see them yourself, in order to appreciate the kindness of each one. Close our ears to idle words, keep our tongue from gossip, that we may only have thoughts of blessing. We want to be well intentioned and that all who approach us may feel your presence. Clothe us Lord, with your goodness, and may we be a reflection of you this very day. Amen.

**Closing Song:** “Whatsoever You Do” by Willard Jabusch

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**Closing Prayer - James Group**

**Call to Prayer:**

**Leader:** Excerpts from Pope Francis “Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer”

**ALL:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
Of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
Let the church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
In order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing,  
So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord.  
And your church with renewed enthusiasm may bring good news to the poor,  
Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading (Matt 25:31-40)**

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the people, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you ill or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will say to him in reply, ‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” -- The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 36:6-9):**

**Women:** Lord, your mercy reaches to Heaven,  
Your fidelity to the clouds.

**Men:** Your justice is like the highest mountains;  
Your judgments, like the mighty deep;  
Human beings and beasts you sustain, Lord,

**Women:** How precious is your mercy, oh God!  
The children of Adam take refuge in the shadow of your wings,

**Men:** They feast on the rich food of your house;  
From your delightful stream you give them drink.



**Concluding Prayer Leader:**

**All:** Lord Jesus, fulfill your delight and fill souls that trust in you with your mercy.  
Guide each one of us to sanctity by a road known to you alone.  
You are the spiritual guide of my soul. Amen.

**Final Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** *Your Words Are Spirit and Life*, by Bernadette Farrell