

An The 92nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire *Service of Noonday Prayer*

<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>People</i>	O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 85: 7-13

7	Show us your mercy, O LORD, * and grant us your salvation.
8	I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9	Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
10	Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11	Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12	The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
13	Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that

house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.
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Meditation

The Rt. Rev'd William Jay Lambert, III

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

<p>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.</p>

<i>Officiant</i>	Lord, hear our prayer;
<i>People</i>	And let our cry come to you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Intercessions

The service concludes as follows

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.