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Good morning and welcome

Let us begin as normal with silence and stillness.....

Come, my Lord, my light, my way;
Come my lantern night and day;
Come healer, make me whole.
Come my Saviour, protect my soul;
Come, my King, enter my heart;
Come Prince of Peace and never depart.
AMEN

Psalm 111:4-end

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

Luke 11:15-26

But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.'

Reflection

Can you remember a time in your life when you felt split between good and evil? It may have been a personal struggle. Or perhaps you were caught between two friends who were against each other. Or at work, you were asked to do something that seemed dishonest. I would imagine that you felt ill at ease - uncomfortable....but maybe unsure of what to do.

Today most people do not talk about "demons." and our temptations often seem minor or insignificant. Yet if we give into these small and seemingly insignificant temptations, our life may turn to a way that is not healthy for us. We do need to be vigilant and careful. Almost every day we can be tempted to turn away from God's path. The temptation could come through the Internet, a TV programme, or another person. Because of this we need to pray to stay close to Jesus

Jesus is always with us. Daily Jesus will lead us by his grace. True, we may have 'demons' in our lives. However, we are never alone! Jesus will grace us and gift us with the insight and strength we need! What more can we ask? AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Vicky