



Prayer During the Day

Easter Season

Thursday, 18 April 2024

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

All

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Psalm 139.7

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;

today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;

today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;

today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, Thursday Psalm 111

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 118.14-24

Alternatively, when Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, [one of these cycles](#) may be followed.

Psalm 111

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, □
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, □
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour □
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; □
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gave food to those who feared him; □
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works □
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; □
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; □
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; □
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it; □
his praise endures for ever.

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious God, you are full of compassion;
may we who long for your kingdom to come
rejoice to do your will
and acknowledge your power alone to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Psalm 118.14-24

Refrain: I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, □
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation □
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; □
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live □
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, □
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, □
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; □
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me □
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected □
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, □
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; □
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain: I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.

Saving God,
open the gates of righteousness,
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All

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

Short readings

Either, Thursday

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24.28-32

Or, on any day in Easter

Jesus said, 'This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

John 6.39

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Blessed are the peacemakers,

All

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord*
- ¶ *God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care*
- ¶ *Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ*
- ¶ *Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection*
- ¶ *Prisoners and captives*

A form of intercession found [here](#) may be used.

Either, the following prayer is said

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever.

All

Amen.

from the Easter Vigil

Or, the Collect of the day is said

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

(Either)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All

**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 Conclusion

May the risen Christ give us his peace.

All

Alleluia. Amen.

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