



Prayer During the Day

Easter Season

Saturday, 27 April 2024

Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894 [Commemoration]

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, Saturday Psalm 146

(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 146

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever.

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

while I live will I praise the Lord; ☩

as long as I have any being,

I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes,

nor in any human power, ☩

for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ☩

on that day all their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ☩

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth,

the sea and all that is in them; ☩

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ☩

and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ☩

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ☩

the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;

he upholds the orphan and widow; ☩

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ☩

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Alleluia.

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever.

Lord of all,

our breath and being come from you,

yet our earthly end is dust;

(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, Saturday

I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.'

Revelation 1.12,13,17,18

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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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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