



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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Easter

Prayer in the Middle of the Day

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## *Easter Prayer*

### **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

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

*Psalm 139.7*

### **Praise**

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**

#### **Psalm**

#### **Reading**

### **Response**

*Silence*

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**for they will be called children of God.**

*Matthew 5.9*

### **Prayer**

*Prayers are offered*

*Prayer of the Season*

Living God,  
long ago, faithful women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true. Amen.

*followed by*

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. **Amen**

*from the Easter Vigil*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ give us his peace.

**Alleluia. Amen.**

## Sunday

### *Psalm 148.1-6*

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

### *Isaiah 63.7-9*

- <sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- <sup>8</sup> For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour
- <sup>9</sup> in all their distress.  
It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## Monday

### ***Psalm 66.8-9,16-19***

- 8 Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God:  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth:  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:  
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me:  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Praise be to God:  
who has not turned back my prayer,  
or his steadfast love from me.

### ***Ecclesiastes 11.4-6***

- <sup>4</sup> Whoever observes the wind will not sow;  
and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.
- <sup>5</sup> Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the  
mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes  
everything.
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands  
be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether  
both alike will be good.

## Tuesday

### ***Psalm 33.8-12,20-22***

- 8 Let the whole earth fear the Lord:  
and let all the inhabitants of the world  
stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done:  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations:  
he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:  
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord:  
the people he chose to be his own possession.
- 20 Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him:  
for we have trusted in his holy name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord:  
even as our hope is in you.

### ***Deuteronomy 15.7-8, 10-11***

<sup>7</sup> If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. <sup>8</sup>You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. <sup>10</sup>Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup>Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

## **Wednesday**

### ***Psalm 104.24-31***

- 24 When the sun rises, they retire:  
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 25 Human beings go out to their work:  
and to their labour until the evening.
- 26 Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:  
and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:  
when you open your hand  
they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.

### ***Exodus 16.4-7a***

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.'

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?'



## Thursday

### *Psalm 86.11-17*

- 11 Show me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth:  
let my heart delight to fear your name.
- 12 I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart:  
and I will glorify your name for ever.
- 13 For great is your abiding love toward me:  
and you have delivered my life  
from the lowest depths of the grave.
- 14 The insolent, O God, have risen against me:  
a ruthless band seek my life,  
they have not set God before their eyes.
- 15 But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate:  
slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful,  
give your strength to your servant:  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me some token of your goodness:  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,  
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

### *Sirach 18.19-21*

- <sup>19</sup> Before you speak, learn;  
and before you fall ill, take care of your health.
- <sup>20</sup> Before judgement comes, examine yourself;  
and at the time of scrutiny you will find forgiveness.
- <sup>21</sup> Before falling ill, humble yourself;  
and when you have sinned, repent.

## Friday

### ***Psalm 88.10b-13, 15-19***

- 10 I stretch out my hands toward you.
- 11 Will you work wonders for the dead:  
or will the shades rise up again to praise you?
- 12 Shall your love be declared in the grave:  
or your faithfulness in the place of destruction?
- 13 Will your wonders be made known in the dark:  
or your righteousness in the land  
where all things are forgotten?
- 15 O Lord, why have you rejected me:  
why do you hide your face from me?
- 16 I have been afflicted and wearied from my youth upward:  
I am tossed high and low, I cease to be.
- 17 Your fierce anger has overwhelmed me:  
and your terrors have put me to silence.
- 18 They surround me like a flood all the day long:  
they close upon me from every side.
- 19 Friend and acquaintance you have put far from me:  
and kept my companions from my sight.

### ***Sirach 18.2-7***

- <sup>2</sup> the Lord alone is just.
- <sup>4</sup> To none has he given power to proclaim his works;  
and who can search out his mighty deeds?
- <sup>5</sup> Who can measure his majestic power?  
And who can fully recount his mercies?
- <sup>6</sup> It is not possible to diminish or increase them,  
nor is it possible to fathom the wonders of the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> When human beings have finished, they are just beginning,  
and when they stop, they are still perplexed.

## **Saturday**

### ***Psalm 72.1-4, 12-14***

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:  
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:  
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace  
because of his righteousness:  
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:  
and rescue the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.
- 12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:  
and the poor that have no helper.
- 13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:  
and save the lives of the poor.
- 14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:  
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

### ***Isaiah 43.16-19a***

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,
- <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.
- <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

