



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
CANTERBURY

Easter

Prayer in the Middle of the Day

25 April-1 May 2021

## *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 150*

- 1 Praise the Lord. O praise God in his sanctuary:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts:  
praise him according to his abundant goodness.
- 3 Praise him in the blast of the ram's horn:  
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him on the high-sounding cymbals:  
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord:  
O praise the Lord!

## *Hosea 6.1-3*

'Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

## Monday

### ***Psalm 57.2-4, 8-11***

- 2 And in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge:  
until these troubles are over-past.
- 3 I will call to God Most High:  
to the God who will fulfil his purpose for me.
- 4 He will send from heaven and save me:  
he will send forth his faithfulness  
and his loving-kindness,  
and rebuke those that would trample me down.
- 8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:  
I will sing and make melody.
- 9 Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:  
for I will awaken the morning.
- 10 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples:  
I will sing your praise among the nations.
- 11 For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens:  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

### ***Isaiah 66.18, 20-21***

For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain-offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

## Tuesday

### *Psalm 25.1-7*

- 1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:  
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:  
but let those that break faith  
be confounded and gain nothing.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord:  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:  
for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:  
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:  
for they are from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth,  
nor my transgressions:  
but according to your mercy think on me.

### *Isaiah 43.10-13a*

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.  
I, I am the Lord,  
and besides me there is no saviour.  
I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.  
I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

## **Wednesday**

### ***Psalm 27.7-10, 13-14***

- 7 And now he will lift up my head:  
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary  
with exultation:  
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:  
the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord:  
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

### ***Deuteronomy 18.15-16a, 17-18***

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.



## Thursday

### *Psalm 67*

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:  
your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:  
for you judge the peoples with integrity,  
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:  
and God, our God, will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us:  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### *Isaiah 11.1-4*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

## Friday

### *Psalm 149*

- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:  
O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise him in the dance:  
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people:  
he adorns the meek with his salvation.
- 5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:  
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:  
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations:  
and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains:  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:  
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.  
Praise the Lord.

### ***Deuteronomy 29.8-9a, 11-12***

We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. Therefore diligently observe the words of this covenant, in order that you may succeed in everything that you do. your children, your women, and the aliens who are in your camp, both those who cut your wood and those who draw your water— to enter into the covenant of the Lord your God, sworn by an oath, which the Lord your God is making with you today;

## Saturday

### *Psalm 46.1-4,8-11*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:  
and though the mountains are shaken  
in the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:  
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:  
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:  
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted upon the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### *Isaiah 49.4b-6*

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

