



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANTERBURY

Easter Week 3

May 1st - 7th 2022

Prayer in the Middle of the Day

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 1 May

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!

Daniel 7.9-10,27

- ⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.
- ²⁷ The kingship and dominion
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven
shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High;
their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'

Monday 2 May

Psalm 120

- 1 I call to the Lord in my trouble:
that he may answer me.
- 2 O Lord, deliver me from lying lips:
and from the treacherous tongue.
- 3 What will he do to you,
and what more will he do to you,
O treacherous tongue?:
you are sharp as the arrows of a warrior,
that are tempered in coals of juniper.
- 4 Alas for me, I am like a stranger in Meshech:
like one who dwells amidst the tents of Kedar.
- 5 My soul has been too long:
among those who are enemies to peace.
- 6 I am for peace, but when I speak of it:
they make themselves ready for war.

Deuteronomy 8.2-3

²Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. ³He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Tuesday 3 May

Psalm 19.1-6

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Acts 8.4-8

⁴ Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. ⁶ The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, ⁷ for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

Wednesday 4 May

Psalm 147.1-7,10-11

- 1 O praise the Lord,
for it is good to sing praises to our God:
and to praise him is joyful and right.
- 2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:
he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken in spirit:
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars:
and calls them all by name.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power:
there is no measuring his understanding.
- 6 The Lord restores the humble:
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.
- 7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving:
sing praises to our God upon the harp.
- 10 He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse:
nor does he delight in anyone's legs,
- 11 But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him:
who wait in hope for his mercy.

Sirach 51.1-2a,3a

- ¹I give you thanks, O Lord and King,
and praise you, O God my Saviour.
I give thanks to your name,
² for you have been my protector and helper
and have delivered me from destruction
and from the trap laid by a slanderous tongue,
from lips that fabricate lies.
In the face of my adversaries
you have been my helper ³and delivered me,
in the greatness of your mercy and of your name,
from grinding teeth about to devour me,
from the hand of those seeking my life,
from the many troubles I endured.

Thursday 5 May

Psalm 25.12-18,21-22

- 12 Who are they that fear the Lord?:
 them will the Lord direct
 in the way that they should choose.
- 13 Their souls shall dwell at ease:
 and their children shall inherit the land.
- 14 The confidences of God belong to those that fear him:
 and his covenant shall give them understanding.
- 15 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord:
 for he will bring my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn your face toward me and be gracious:
 for I am alone and in misery.
- 17 O free my heart from pain:
 and bring me out of my distress.
- 18 Give heed to my affliction and adversity:
 and forgive me all my sins.
- 21 Let innocence and integrity be my guard:
 for in you have I hoped.
- 22 O God, deliver Israel:
 out of all their tribulation.

Exodus 33.18-23

¹⁸Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' ¹⁹And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' ²¹And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Friday 6 May

Psalm 96.7-13

- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm
that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood
shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Isaiah 45.4-6

- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
- ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

Saturday 7 May

Psalm 60.1-5,11-12

- 1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us:
you were enraged against us—O restore us again!
- 2 You have caused the land to quake, you have rent it open:
heal the rifts, for the earth quivers and breaks.
- 3 You have steeped your people in a bitter draught:
you have given them a wine to make them stagger.
- 4 You have caused those that fear you to take flight:
so that they run from the bow.
- 5 O save us by your right hand, and answer us:
that those whom you love may be delivered.
- 11 Give us your help against the enemy:
for human help is vain.
- 12 By the power of our God we shall do valiantly:
for it is he that will tread down our enemies.

Genesis 2.4b-7

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

