



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANTERBURY

Easter Week 6

May 22nd - 28th 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 22 May

Psalm 118.1-4,10-14

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 10 All the nations surrounded me:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 11 They surrounded, they surrounded me on every side:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 12 They swarmed about me like bees,
they blazed like fire among the thorns:
in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell:
but the Lord was my helper.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

Romans 8.3-6

³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Monday 23 May

Psalm 29.1-4,7-10

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

3 John 2, 5-7a

² Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. ⁵ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; ⁶ they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; ⁷ for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers.

Tuesday 24 May

Psalm 6

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your indignation:
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me, for my very bones are afraid.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled:
and you, Lord—how long will you delay?
- 4 Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
O save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you:
and who can give you thanks from the grave?
- 6 I am wearied with my groaning:
every night I drown my bed with weeping,
and water my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eyes waste away for sorrow:
they grow dim because of all my enemies.
- 8 Away from me, all you that do evil:
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication:
the Lord will receive my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and
greatly dismayed:
they shall turn back and be confounded in a moment.

Philippians 1.27-30

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Wednesday 25 May

Psalm 76.1-9

- 1 In Judah God is known:
his name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle:
and his dwelling is in Zion.
- 3 There he broke in pieces
the flashing arrows of the bow:
the shield, the sword and the weapons of battle.
- 4 Radiant in light are you:
greater in majesty than the eternal hills.
- 5 The valiant were dumbfounded, they sleep their sleep:
and all the warriors have lost their strength.
- 6 At the blast of your voice, O God of Jacob:
both horse and chariot were cast asleep.
- 7 Terrible are you, Lord God:
and who may stand before you when you are angry?
- 8 You caused your sentence to be heard from heaven:
the earth feared and was still,
- 9 When God arose to judgement:
to save all the meek of the earth.

Romans 5.1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Thursday 26 May

Psalm 148.1,7-13

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

Colossians 3.1-4

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Friday 27 May

Psalm 129

- 1 Many a time from my youth upward
have they fought against me:
now may Israel say,
- 2 Many a time from my youth upward
have they fought against me:
but they have not prevailed.
- 3 They have scored my back as with a ploughshare:
they have opened long furrows.
- 4 But the Lord is righteous:
and he has cut me free from the thongs of the wicked.
- 5 They shall be confounded and turned backward:
all those who hate Zion.
- 6 They shall be as the grass that grows upon the housetops:
which withers before it comes to any good,
- 7 With which no reaper may fill their hand:
nor the binder of sheaves their bosom.
- 8 And none who pass by shall say to them
'The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
we bless you in the name of the Lord.'

1 John 5.11-15

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

Saturday 28 May

Psalm 107.1-3,10-16

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in deadly shadow:
bound fast in affliction and iron,
- 11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God:
and scorned the purposes of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed down their hearts with affliction:
they tripped headlong, with none to help them.
- 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 14 He brought them out from darkness and deadly shadow:
and broke their chains in two.
- 15 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze:
and cleaves the bars of iron.

Galatians 4.4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

