



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANTERBURY

Easter Week 5

May 7th - May 13th 2023

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 7 May

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 Corinthians 3.10-11, 16-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Monday 8 May

Psalm 43

- 1 Give judgement for me, O God,
take up my cause against an ungodly people:
deliver me from the deceitful and unjust.
- 2 For you are God my refuge—
why have you turned me away:
why must I go like a mourner
because the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 O send out your light and your truth,
and let them lead me:
let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
- 4 Then I shall go to the altar of God,
to God my joy and my delight:
and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
- 6 O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.

1 John 3.21-24

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Tuesday 9 May

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by the power of your name:
and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God:
and listen to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the insolent have risen against me:
the ruthless, who have not set God before them,
seek my life.
- 4 But surely God is my helper:
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me:
O destroy them in your faithfulness !
- 6 Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart:
I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you will deliver me from every trouble:
my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

2 Timothy 3.10-11, 14-15

¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday 10 May

Psalm 115.1-7

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us
but to your name give the glory:
for the sake of your faithfulness
and your loving-kindness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say 'Where is their God?:
our God is in heaven, he does whatever he wills.
- 3 As for their idols, they are silver and gold:
the work of human hands.
- 4 They have mouths, but speak not:
they have eyes, but they cannot see.
- 5 They have ears, yet hear nothing:
they have noses, but cannot smell.
- 6 Hands they have, but handle nothing,
feet, but they do not walk:
they make no sound with their throats.
- 7 Those who make them shall be like them:
so shall everyone that trusts in them.

Romans 4.9b-12

⁹We say, 'Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.' ¹⁰How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, ¹²and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Thursday 11 May

Psalm 115.8-17

- 8 O Israel, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 9 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 10 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 11 The Lord has remembered us and he will bless us:
he will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless the house of Aaron.
- 12 He will bless all those that fear the Lord:
both high and low together.
- 13 May the Lord increase you greatly:
you and your children after you.
- 14 The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
he that made heaven and earth.
- 15 As for the heavens, they are the Lord's:
but the earth he has given to the children of Adam.
- 16 The dead do not praise the Lord:
nor do any that go down to silence.
- 17 But we will bless the Lord:
both now and for evermore. O praise the Lord.

Romans 15.7-9, 13

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 12 May

Psalm 106.1-5, 49

- 1 Praise the Lord;
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.
- 4 Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,
and I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.
and plague broke out among them.
and with wanton deeds whored after strange gods.
- 49 Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from among the nations:
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and make our boast in your praises.

James 2.21-26

²¹Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Saturday 13 May

Psalm 47

- 1 O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.
- 4 He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.
- 7 For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
- 8 God has become the king of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the mighty ones of the earth
are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.

2 Timothy 1.4-7

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

