



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANTERBURY

Easter Week 3

April 23rd - April 29th 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 23 April

Psalm 118.1-4, 25-29

- 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.
- 25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

1 Corinthians 15.25-28

²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Monday 24 April

Psalm 119.73-80

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me:
O give me understanding,
that I may learn your commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice:
for my hope is in your word.
- 75 I know, Lord, that your judgements are right:
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your merciful kindness be my comfort:
according to your promise to your servant.
- 77 O let your mercy come to me that I may live:
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the proud be shamed
who steal my rights through their lies:
but I will meditate on your precepts.
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me:
and they shall know your commands.
- 80 O let my heart be sound in your statutes:
that I may never be put to shame.

Revelation 20.4-6

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Tuesday 25 April

Psalm 34.1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
- 2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.
- 5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!

1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Wednesday 26 April

Psalm 113

- 1 Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his servants:
O praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
from this time forward and for ever.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down:
let the name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
and his glory is above the heavens.
- 5 Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
in heaven or upon the earth,
- 6 Who has his dwelling so high:
yet condescends to look on things beneath?
- 7 He raises the lowly from the dust:
and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
- 8 He gives them a place among the princes:
even among the princes of his people.
- 9 He causes the barren woman to keep house:
and makes her a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

1 Timothy 1.13-17

¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday 27 April

Psalm 136.1-9

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods:
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 To him who alone does great wonders:
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who stretched out the earth upon the waters:
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights:
for his mercy endures for ever,
- 8 The sun to rule the day:
for his mercy endures for ever,
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night:
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Timothy 3.14-17

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. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Friday 28 April

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

1 Corinthians 9.16-19

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

Saturday 29 April

Psalm 92.1-6, 11-15

- 1 How good to give thanks to the Lord:
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- 2 To declare your love in the morning:
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,
- 3 Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:
and to the melody of the lyre.
- 4 For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad:
I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 Lord, how glorious are your works:
your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The brutish do not consider:
and the fool cannot understand
- 11 My eyes have looked down on my enemies:
and my ears have heard the ruin
of those who rose up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;
- 13 For they are planted in the house of the Lord:
and flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 In old age they shall be full of sap:
they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;
- 15 And they will say that the Lord is just:
the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

Romans 8.9-11

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

