



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANTERBURY

Easter Week 2

April 16th - April 22nd 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 16 April

Psalm 148.1-2, 11-15

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 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.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the
Lord.

Ezekiel 37.9b-10, 12b, 13-14

⁹Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹²Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Monday 17 April

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house:
their labour is but lost that build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city:
the watchmen watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest,
eating the bread of toil:
for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.
- 4 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:
he will not be put to shame
when he confronts his enemies at the gate.

Zephaniah 3.14, 15b-18a

- ¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
- ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
- ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

Tuesday 18 April

Psalm 33.1-5, 19-21

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
for it befits the just to praise him.
- 2 Give the Lord thanks upon the harp:
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.
- 3 O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 19 We have waited eagerly for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him:
for we have trusted in his holy name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord:
even as our hope is in you.

Deuteronomy 15.7-8, 10-11

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Wednesday 19 April

Psalm 19.7-10

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.

Deuteronomy 7.7-9

⁷ It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Thursday 20 April

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing which is right:
who speaks the truth from the heart,
and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend:
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:
and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury:
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things:
shall never be overthrown.

Numbers 23.16, 17b-20

¹⁶The Lord met Balaam, put a word into his mouth, and said, 'Return to Balak, and this is what you shall say.' ¹⁷Balak said to him, 'What has the Lord said?' ¹⁸Then Balaam uttered his oracle, saying:

'Rise, Balak, and hear;

listen to me, O son of Zippor:

¹⁹ God is not a human being, that he should lie,
or a mortal, that he should change his mind.

Has he promised, and will he not do it?

Has he spoken, and will he not fulfil it?

²⁰ See, I received a command to bless;
he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.

Friday 21 April

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

2 Kings 4.42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.'⁴³ But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Saturday 22 April

Psalm 87

- 1 He has founded it upon a holy hill:
and the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things shall be spoken of you:
O Zion, city of our God.
- 3 I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:
in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.
- 4 But of Zion it shall be said:
many were born in her,
he that is Most High has established her.
- 5 When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:
he shall take note where everyone was born.
- 6 And the singers and the dancers together:
shall make their song to your name.

Genesis 43.16-19a

¹⁶When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, 'Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon.' ¹⁷The man did as Joseph said, and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸Now the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, 'It is because of the money, replaced in our sacks the first time, that we have been brought in, so that he may have an opportunity to fall upon us, to make slaves of us and take our donkeys.' ¹⁹So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the entrance to the house.

