

MORNING PRAYER
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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Faithful God, you are the hope of the oppressed, and the source of freedom for the captive. In the burning bush you promised deliverance to your people, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. Make us strong to witness to the liberating power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory, and all the world may know your goodness. Amen.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE

**1 Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here**

**2 Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around**

**3 Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**

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CONFESSION

Friends in Christ,
we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
Scripture tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless
goodness and mercy.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have
rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by
following his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9.9–10

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray
together,

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

The Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite) is said

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.**

**In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

**The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.**

**Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Today if only you would hear his voice:
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;**

**'When your forebears tested me:
put me to proof though they had seen my works.**

**'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
"It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways";**

**'Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."**

Psalm 95

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better,
love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26.

R: Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

2 Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

R Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.

R Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.

R Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

23 Then Israel came into Egypt:
and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

24 There the Lord made his people fruitful:
too numerous for their enemies,

R Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

25 Whose hearts he turned to hate his people:
and to deal deceitfully with his servants.

26 Then he sent Moses his servant:
And Aaron whom he had chosen.

R Let us remember the wonderful works the Lord has done

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the Prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 save in the death of Christ, my God!
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them through his blood.**
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were a present far too small.
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1707)

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:21-28

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Canticle, Saviour of the World is said

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy:
we look to you to save and help us.

**By your cross and your life laid down,
you set your people free:
we look to you to save and help us.**

**When they were ready to perish,
you saved your disciples:
we look to you to come to our help.**

**In the greatness of your mercy,
loose us from our chains:
forgive the sins of all your people.**

**Make yourself known as our saviour
and mighty deliverer:
save and help us that we may praise you.**

**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
hear our prayer and be with us always.**

**And when you come in your glory:
make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

HOMILY

Bishop Clarence

HYMN

YE SERVANTS OF GOD

- 1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
 and publish abroad his wonderful name;
 the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
 his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**
- 2 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
 let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
 the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**
- 3 Then let us adore and give him his right:
 all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
 all honour and blessing with angels above
 and thanks never ceasing for infinite love. Amen.**

Charles Wesley (1744)

The Apostles' Creed is said

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’, John Rutter

INTERCESSIONS

The response to the prayer:

Loving God, in your mercy.

Is:

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following prayer:

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers
of all who ask in Jesus’ name.

In your mercy, accept our prayers.

**Give us what we have asked in faith,
according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
**Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME? (THE SUMMONS)

1 **Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?**

- 2 **Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
And you in me?**
- 3 **Will you love the "you" you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you
And you in me?**
- 4 **Lord your summons echoes true
When you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me**

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'Canzona quarti toni dopo il Post Communio'
Girolamo Frescobaldi

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