



*Prayer During the Day*

*Easter Season*

Friday, 19 April 2024

Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012 [Lesser Festival]

### **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

*All*

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

*All*

**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

*Psalm 139.7*

### **Praise**

*A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or*

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**

*Psalmody*

Either, Friday Psalm 145.1-8

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 118.14-24

Alternatively, when Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, [one of these cycles](#) may be followed.

## Psalm 145

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ☩

and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you ☩

and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ☩

his greatness is beyond all searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another ☩

and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ☩

and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ☩

and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ☩

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ☩

long-suffering and of great goodness.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

King of the universe,

you show the bright glory of your reign

in acts of mercy and enduring love;

raise the spirits of the downcast

and restore those who have fallen away,

that we may sing for ever of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

## Psalm 118.14-24

Refrain: I will give thanks to you,  
for you have become my salvation.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, □  
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation □  
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up; □  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live □  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, □  
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, □  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; □  
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me □  
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected □  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, □  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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

Refrain: I will give thanks to you,  
for you have become my salvation.

Saving God,  
open the gates of righteousness,  
that your pilgrim people may enter  
and be built into a living temple

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Short readings*

*Either, Friday*

Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

*Job 19.23-27a*

*Or, on any day in Easter*

Jesus said, 'This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

*John 6.39*

## **Response**

*Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as*

Blessed are the peacemakers,

All

**for they will be called children of God.**

*Matthew 5.9*

## **Prayers**

*Prayers may include these concerns:*

- ¶ *The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord*
- ¶ *God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care*
- ¶ *Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ*
- ¶ *Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection*
- ¶ *Prisoners and captives*

*A form of intercession found [here](#) may be used.*

*Either, the following prayer is said*

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.

All

**Amen.**

*from the Easter Vigil*

*Or, the Collect of the day is said*

Merciful God,  
who raised up your servant Alphege  
to be a pastor of your people  
and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:  
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom  
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts  
and share his peace in lives offered to your service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

AllAmen.

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

(Either)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ give us his peace.

All

**Alleluia. Amen.**

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