



Prayer During the Day

Easter Season

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624 [Commemoration]

The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003 [Commemoration]

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, Wednesday Psalm 106.1-12

(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 106

Refrain: The Lord remembered his covenant.

1 Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, □
for his faithfulness endures for ever.

2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord □
or show forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are those who observe what is right □
and always do what is just.

4 Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people; □
visit me in the day of your salvation;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the gladness of your people, □
and exult with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned like our forebears; □
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,
nor remember the abundance of your faithful love; □
they rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his name's sake, □
that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea and it was dried up; □
so he led them through the deep as through the wilderness.

10 He saved them from the adversary's hand □
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them; □
there was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed his words □
and sang aloud his praise.

Refrain: The Lord remembered his covenant.

Holy God,
when our memories blot out your kindness

(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, Wednesday

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1-4

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

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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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