



Prayer During the Day on Wednesday

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258 [Lesser Festival]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

All

and teach me your paths.

Psalm 25.3

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise, or

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free

you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, on any Wednesday Psalm 48

Or, Week 4 Psalm 72.1-8

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

Psalm 48

Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,[□]
in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,[□]
the joy of all the earth.

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,[□]
stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself[□]
to be a sure refuge.

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled[□]
and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded;[□]
dismayed, they fled in terror.

7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour,[□]
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:[□]
God has established her for ever.

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,[□]
in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;[□]
your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad,[□]
because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers;[□]
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever.[□]

(or)

Psalm 72.1-8

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God,[□]
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously[□]
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace,[□]
and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people,[□]
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,[□]
from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,[□]
like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish,[□]
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea[□]
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

Week Four

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

John 18.33,36-38

Or, on any Wednesday

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2.14

Response

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

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

All

No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.6

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The social services*
- ¶ *All who work in the criminal justice system*
- ¶ *Victims and perpetrators of crime*
- ¶ *The work of aid agencies throughout the world*
- ¶ *Those living in poverty or under oppression*

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

Either, the following prayer is said

O Lord our God,
grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart;
that so desiring, we may seek and find you;
and so finding, may love you;
and so loving, may hate those sins from which
 you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Anselm (1109)

Or, the Collect of the day is said

Holy God, who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ,
made him a bishop in the Church
and crowned his witness with a martyr's death:
grant that, after his example,
we may love the Church and her teachings,
find your forgiveness within her fellowship
and so come to share the heavenly banquet
 you have prepared for us;
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.

All Amen.

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 God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

All

Amen.

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