Prayer During the Day

Advent

Saturday, 17 December 2022

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O Sapientia

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your words have I hidden within my heart,

All

that I should not sin against you.

Psalm 119.11

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

Saviour eternal,

life of the world unfailing,

light everlasting

and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity

in your loving freedom,

you rescued our lost earth

and filled the world with joy.
By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, Saturday Psalm 85

Or, on any day Psalm 80.1-8

Alternatively, when Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, one of these cycles may be followed.
Psalm 85

Refrain: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.

3 You laid aside all your fury and turned from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

Refrain: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

Most holy God,
Psalm 80.1-8

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength ♦
and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts, ♦
how long will you be angry at your people’s prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Faithful shepherd of your people,
as we look for the light of your countenance,
restore in us the image of your glory
and graft us into the risen life of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.
Saturday

The angel said to Mary, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.35,38

Or, on any day in Advent

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Isaiah 40.1

Response

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

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5.6

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ
- The leaders of the Church
- The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God
- Those who are working for justice in the world
- The broken, that they may find God’s healing

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

Either, the following prayer is said
Keep us, O Lord,
while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after you,
and in an affectionate walking with you,
every day of our lives;
that when you come,
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor serving the flesh,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious God for ever.

Amen.

Richard Baxter (1691)

Or, the Collect of the day is said

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

(Either)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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

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 Lord make us ready for his coming in glory.
Amen.

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