



Prayer During the Day

from Ascension Day

until the Day of Pentecost

Friday, 26 May 2023

Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605 [Lesser Festival]

John Calvin, Reformer, 1564 [Commemoration]

Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595 [Commemoration]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

All

for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86.4

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, Friday Psalm 93

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 47

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

Psalm 93

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; □

the Lord has put on his glory

and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure □

that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne has been established from of old; □

you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice; □

the floods lift up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea, □

the Lord on high is mightier.

6 Your testimonies are very sure; □

holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Christ our King,

you put on the apparel of our nature

and raised us to your glory;

reign from your royal throne

above the chaos of this world,

that all may see the victory you have won

and trust in your salvation;

for your glory's sake.

(or)

Psalm 47

Refrain: O sing praises to God, sing praises.

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; □

O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; □

he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us □

and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us, □

the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a merry noise, □

the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; □

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth; □

sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; □

God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together □

with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God □

and he is very highly exalted.

Refrain: O sing praises to God, sing praises.

As Christ was raised by your glory, O Father,

so may we be raised to new life

and rejoice to be called your children,

both now and for ever.

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, on Friday

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Or, on any day after Ascension

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9.24

Response

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

Blessed are those who mourn,

All

for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit*
- ¶ *Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- ¶ *All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- ¶ *The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- ¶ *All who are struggling with broken relationships*

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

Either, the following prayer is said

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one.

All

Amen.

an Orthodox prayer

Or, the Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
of the English people:
grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
to preach Christ's gospel in this land,
so all who hear the good news
may strive to make your truth known in all the world;
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 the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.

All

Amen.

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