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¶ *Prayer During the Day*
from Ascension Day
until the Day of Pentecost
Wednesday, 15 May 2024

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, Wednesday Psalm 46

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 47

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

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, □
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, □
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, □
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, □
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; □
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, □
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; □
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, □
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; □
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; □
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; □
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

God of Jacob,
when the earth shakes
and the nations are in uproar,
speak, and let the storm be still;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 Wednesday

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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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