

.bibletext span.sc, span.sc { font-variant: small-caps; }

¶ *Prayer During the Day*

from Ascension Day

until the Day of Pentecost

Thursday, 16 May 2024

Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877 [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, Thursday Psalm 84

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 47

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

Psalm 84

Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! □

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: □
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: □

they will always be praising you.

4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, □

in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, □

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6 They will go from strength to strength □

and appear before God in Zion.

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; □

listen, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God, □

and look upon the face of your anointed.

9 For one day in your courts □

is better than a thousand.

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God □

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give grace and glory; □
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord God of hosts, □

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

Lord God,

(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 Thursday

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

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.

© [The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2005](#)

Official Common Worship apps, books and eBooks are available from [Church House Publishing](#).

The Bible readings (other than the psalms) are from *The New Revised Standard Version* Anglicized Edition, copyright 1989, 1995

Division of Christian Education of the [National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America](#). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Implemented by Simon Kershaw at [Crucix](#).

Implementation copyright © Simon Kershaw, 2002-2021.

[View other services](#)

[Copy to clipboard](#)

Source URL: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/prayer-during-day-contemporary-thursday-16-may-2024>