



Prayer During the Day on Saturday

Saturday, 10 August 2024

Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258 [Lesser Festival]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens

All

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalm 36.5

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

What shall I give you, Lord, in return for all your kindness?

Glory to you for your love.

Glory to you for your patience.

Glory to you for forgiving us all our sins.

Glory to you for coming to save our souls.

Glory to you for your incarnation in the virgin's womb.

Glory to you for your bonds.

Glory to you for receiving the cut of the lash.

Glory to you for accepting mockery.

Glory to you for your crucifixion.

Glory to you for your burial.

Glory to you for your resurrection.

Glory to you that you were preached to all.

Glory to you in whom they believed.

Ephrem the Syrian (373)

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, on any Saturday Psalm 63.1-8

Or, Week 3 Psalm 138

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

Psalm 63.1-8

Refrain: My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; □
my soul is athirst for you.

2 My flesh also faints for you, □
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, □
that I might behold your power and your glory.

4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself □
and so my lips shall praise you.

5 I will bless you as long as I live □
and lift up my hands in your name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, □
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

7 When I remember you upon my bed □
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

8 For you have been my helper □
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

Refrain: My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

To you we come, radiant Lord,
the goal of all our desiring,
beyond all earthly beauty;
gentle protector, strong deliverer,
in the night you are our confidence;
from first light be our joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Psalm 138

Refrain: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; □
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness; □
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; □
you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, □
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, □
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; □
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me; □
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; □
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Refrain: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

Lord our God, supreme over all things,
look upon the humble and lowly
and put new strength into our souls
to complete your purpose for us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Three

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.17-26a

Or, on any Saturday

We look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4.18

Response

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

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

All

Those who believe in me will never die.

cf John 11.25,26

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love*
- ¶ *Those whose time is spent caring for others*
- ¶ *Those who are close to death*
- ¶ *Those who have lost hope*
- ¶ *The worship of the Church*

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

Either, the following prayer is said

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

All

Amen.

Sarum Primer

Or, the Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,

who made Laurence a loving servant of your people

and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:

fire us with his example to love as he loved

and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life;

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 Christ dwell in our hearts by faith.

All

Amen.

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