



Common Worship

# Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Morning, Evening, Day and Night Prayer  
from Ascension to Pentecost

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## Introduction

During *Thy Kingdom Come*, you are invited to discover new habits and ways of praying to God, that those whom you know might come to know Jesus.

From the earliest days of the Church, people have gathered together to praise God and to pray for salvation through his Son. The services in this booklet form part of what is sometimes known as the 'Daily Office', a form of worship and prayer which can be used by individuals or in groups as a structure for praise and petition. It is drawn from Common Worship, one of the worship resources of the Church of England.

Whether you are new to 'structured' prayer or an old hand, you are invited to try praying with us for the period between Ascension and Pentecost. We hope you may find in it a spiritual rhythm which will nourish your heart and keep prayer on your lips, enabling you to become part of a global wave of prayer. That rhythm might take the form of saying both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Or you might start with just Prayer During the Day – suitable for any time of day – followed, perhaps, by Night Prayer.

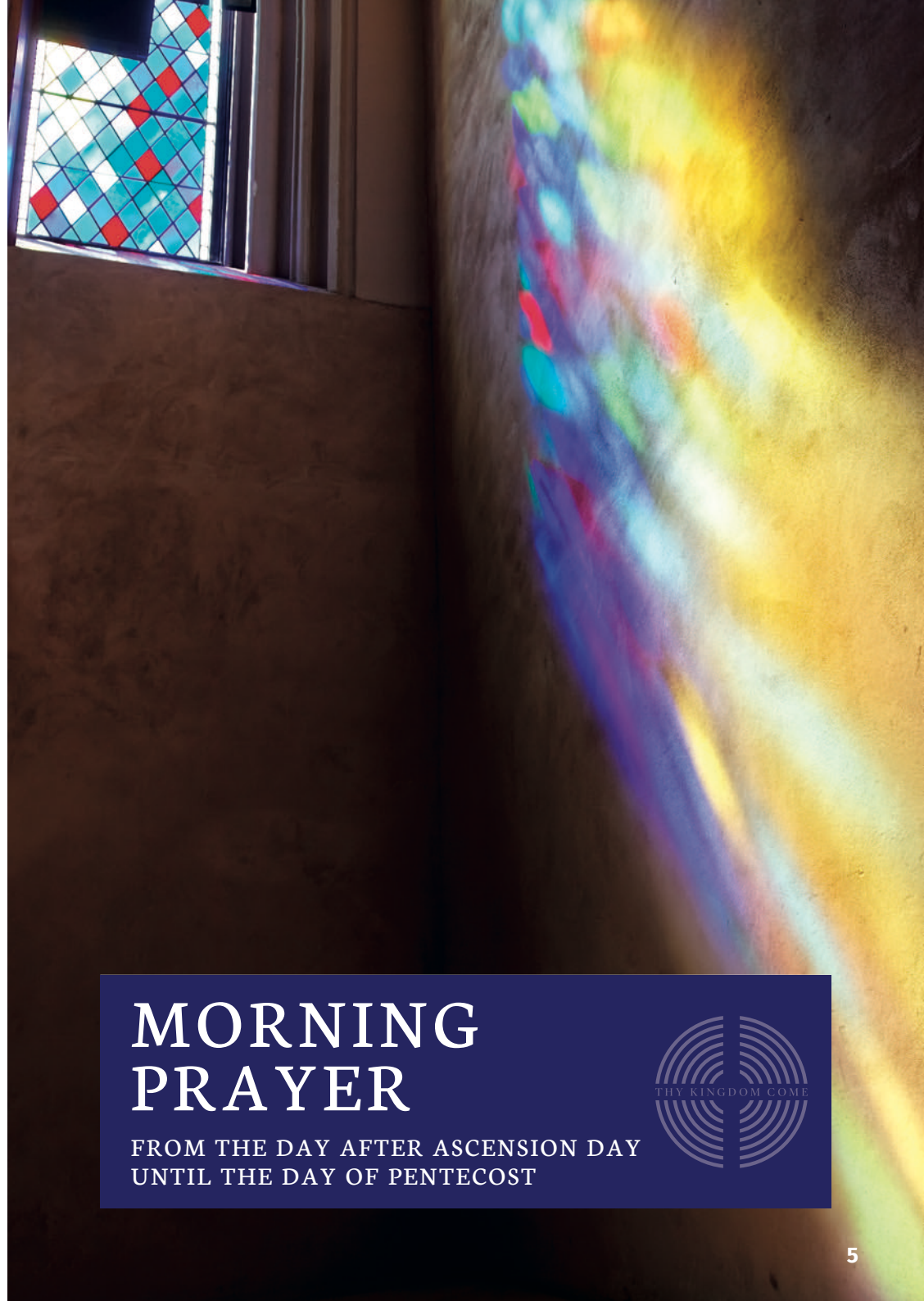
### HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

You can read what follows out loud, or to yourself. You can pray by yourself or in a group. When in a group, everyone can say the words in **bold type**.

You can choose to say or sing the psalms and songs together or to choose someone to speak and others to listen. A diamond ♦ marks the mid-point in each psalm verse, at which point some people follow the custom of taking a pause.

One psalm is included in each order of service, and a pattern of psalms for use at Morning and Evening Prayer can be found on page 38. Similarly, one short Bible reading is included within each service. Further short readings are included on pages 40 to 44, or you might want to follow the table of readings on page 39.

In the Prayers, you can pray out loud or silently whether by yourself or in a group. You can pray in your own words – perhaps following the daily themes on page 45 – or use the ones suggested on page 46.



## MORNING PRAYER

FROM THE DAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY  
UNTIL THE DAY OF PENTECOST





## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

**All** and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## The Word of God

### PSALMODY

*The following, or another psalm from the table on p. 38,  
is said.*

#### 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.

*The psalm 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.**

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read  
here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

## CANTICLE

*Refrain:*

**All** **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦  
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦  
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦  
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦  
and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b*

**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.**

**All** **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*One or more readings are read – either the following  
passage, or one or more from the cycles on pages 39–44.*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40.28-end*

*The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

**All** **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

**All** **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*cf Romans 8*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said*

*Refrain*

**All Christ has gone up on high  
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

- 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.**
- All Christ has gone up on high  
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

- *for the day and its tasks*
- *for the world and its needs*
- *for the Church and her life*

*Intercessions may include praying for your 5 (see page 45)  
and/or the form of prayer on page 46.*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect for Thy Kingdom Come or another suitable  
Collect is said:*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Collect for Thy Kingdom Come*



(or)

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*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven ...** *(see back page)*

(or)

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...** *(see back page)*

## The Conclusion

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE DAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY  
UNTIL THE DAY OF PENTECOST

