A Simple Form for Daily Prayer During Holy Week 2021

Here you will find the format that clergy from St Stephen the Martyr and St Timothy will use to offer a video of daily prayer each day of Holy Week. The Scripture readings are available in a separate PDF file. Use these tools for your personal prayer and include the readings that work best for you.

The Penitential Rite

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.
Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress.
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call. *Psalm 102.1-2*

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbour.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

May the God of love and power
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by the Holy Spirit
and raise *us* to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Introductory Responses

Christ became obedient unto death for us,
even death upon a cross.
He was pierced for our sins,
bruised for no fault but ours
His punishment has won our peace,
and by his wounds we are healed.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches and wisdom,
strength, honour, glory and praise. Amen.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Full of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
Christ was lifted up
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever

Psalm

(from daily Lectionary Holy Week Readings) then:

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Reading

(from daily Lectionary Holy Week Readings)

Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that we should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Gospel Reading

(from daily Lectionary Holy Week Readings)

Canticle

A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *
that you should follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
When he suffered, he did not threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, *
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but now have returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Litany

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace, saying,
'God of the deep, hear our prayer.'

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division.
God of the deep, hear our prayer

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

A Collect for Holy Week

Christ our God, your love is poured out in death for our sakes**:** Hold us in your embrace as we wait for
Easter's dawn. Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself, can separate us from your love; and strengthen us to wait until you are revealed to us in all your risen glory. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.
Amen.

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