

Morning Prayer

**Saturday after
Ascension**

Participants in online group:
Please mute your microphone and
respond audibly in your own space.



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.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦
and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins ♦
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, ♦
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ♦
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses ♦
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
- 9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

- 10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; ♦
bless the Lord, O my soul.

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.**

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.**

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.

Refrain: O sing praises to God, sing praises.

- 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. *R*
- 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. *R*

- 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.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

Deuteronomy 30 (NRSV)

When all these things have happened to you, the blessings and the curses that I have set before you, if you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, ² and return to the Lord your God, and you and your children obey him with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I am commanding you today, ³ then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, gathering you again from all the peoples among whom the Lord your God has scattered you.

⁴ Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back. ⁵ The Lord your God will bring you into the land that your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

⁶ Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

⁷ The Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on the adversaries who took advantage of you. ⁸ Then you shall again obey the Lord, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today,

⁹ and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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

1 John 2.7-17 (NRSV)

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness.

¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account
of his name.

13 I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered the evil one.

14 I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young people, because you are strong
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶ for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

All **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

*Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.
Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.*

Through Christ, who ever lives to make
intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Further prayers may be added.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen.

Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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. 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.

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.**