

Monday, March 23 The Cry of the Poor

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

God Reveals His Presence

With righteousness He shall judge the poor, **and He will decide with equity for the meek of the earth.**

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish

and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,

the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life;

and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him.

**May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.**

May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon;

and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.

May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

With righteousness He shall judge the poor, **and He will decide with equity for the meek of the earth.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Luke 4:14-30

Silent Reflection

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Ron Sider wrote, “For the poor, the schools do not work and their jobs do not pay. For the richest nation on Earth, this situation is unnecessary. For the Christian, it is immoral.”

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.**

Tuesday, March 24 The Cry of the Poor

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song Holy, Holy, Holy!

The Lord protects the poor and keeps them alive; **they are called
happy in the land.**

Psalm 41

Happy are those who consider the poor;
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

**The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.**

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

**The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.**

As for me, I said, 'O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'

My enemies wonder in malice when I will die, and my name perish.

And when they come to see me, they utter empty words, while their
hearts gather mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad.

All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.

**Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.**

But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.

**By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.**

But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence for ever.

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.**

The Lord protects the poor and keeps them alive; **they are called happy in the land.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 8:4-12*

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading *Mark 10:17-31*

Silent Reflection

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Pope Francis said, “To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person and face the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
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Wednesday, March 25 The Cry of the Poor

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

God of Grace and God of Glory

From the rising of the sun to its setting **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;

praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time on and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God,

who is seated on high,

who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust,

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

James 2:1-7

Silent Reflection

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St. John Chrysostom wrote, "...remember this without fail: that to fail to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth but theirs."

Prayer for the Day

O that we may all receive of Christ's fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein thou didst create us. Amen. (John Wesley)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Thursday, March 26 The Cry of the Poor

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Song

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

God will rise up to defend the poor; **he will place them in the safety for which they long.**

Psalm 12

Help, O LORD, for there is no longer anyone who is godly;
the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

They utter lies to each other;

with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,
those who say, ‘With our tongues we will prevail;

our lips are our own—who is our master?’

‘Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan,
I will now rise up,’ says the LORD;

‘I will place them in the safety for which they long.’

The promises of the LORD are promises that are pure,

silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

You, O LORD, will protect us;

you will guard us from this generation for ever.

On every side the wicked prowl,

as vileness is exalted among humankind.

God will rise up to defend the poor; **he will place them in the safety for which they long.**

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 12:1-15

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Luke 14:7-24

Silent Reflection

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Richard John Neuhaus wrote, “Consumerism is not simply the state of being well off, it is the spiritual disposition of being controlled by what one consumes, of living in order to consume, of living in order to have things. This, of course, is a great spiritual danger for rich and poor alike.”

Prayer for the Day

As I rise from sleep, I thank you, Holy Trinity, for because of your great goodness and patience, you were not angry with me, an idler and sinner, nor have you destroyed me in my sins, but have shown your usual love for me. And when I was prostrate in despair, you raised me to glory with your power. Enlighten now my mind’s eye; open my mouth to study your words and understand your commandments, to do your will and sing to you in heartfelt adoration, and praise your most holy name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Orthodox)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Friday, March 27 *The Cry of the Poor*

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song *Sun of My Soul*

The Lord raises up the poor from the dust; **he lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

Psalm 68:1-10

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be
jubilant with joy.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides
upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners
to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched
through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of
God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

you restored your heritage when it languished;

**your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you
provided for the needy.**

The Lord raises up the poor from the dust; **he lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:46-56

Silent Reflection

The Lord raises up the poor from the dust; **he lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

Mother Teresa said, “Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them.”

Prayer for the Day

Help us to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult, serene when things are irritating. Enable us to be helpful to those in difficulties, kind to those in need, sympathetic to those whose hearts are sore and sad. Grant that nothing may make us lose our tempers, nothing may take away our joy, nothing may ruffle our peace, and nothing may make us bitter towards anyone.

So grant that through all this day, all with whom we work, and all those whom we meet, may see in us the reflection of the Master, Whose we are, and Whom we seek to serve. This we ask for Thy love’s sake. Through Christ our Lord: Amen. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Monday, March 30

Reconciliation

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Song

Amazing Grace

Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things:
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things:
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:15-23

Silent Reflection

Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things:
making peace through the blood of his cross.

N.T. Wright wrote, “The message of Easter is that God’s new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and you’re invited to be a part of it.”

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

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The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Prayer

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
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Tuesday, March 31

Reconciliation

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Song

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Blessed are we in the city, and blessed are we in the field; **blessed are we when we come in, and blessed are we when we go out.**

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,

‘The Lord has done great things for them.’

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Blessed are we in the city, and blessed are we in the field; **blessed are we when we come in, and blessed are we when we go out.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Silent Reflection

Blessed are we in the city, and blessed are we in the field; blessed are we when we come in, and blessed are we when we go out.

Philip Yancey wrote, “[Christian faith is] basically about love and being loved and reconciliation. These things are so important, they’re foundational and they can transform individuals and families.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Wednesday, April 1

Reconciliation

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you:
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing,

life for evermore.

If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you:
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:4-15

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:21-26

Silent Reflection

If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you:
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

Timothy Tyson said, “If there is to be reconciliation, first there must be truth.”

Prayer for the Day

O that we may all receive of Christ’s fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein thou didst create us. Amen. (John Wesley)

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The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Prayer

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Thursday, April 2

Reconciliation

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Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Create in me a clean heart, O God: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence

and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:6-18

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2:11-21

Silent Reflection

Create in me a clean heart, O God: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Craig Keener wrote, “If God summons us to surmount a barrier that He Himself had established in Scripture (the barrier separating Israel from Gentiles), how much more does he summon us to surmount every other barrier that has been established merely by human sinfulness?”

Prayer for the Day

As I rise from sleep, I thank you, Holy Trinity, for because of your great goodness and patience, you were not angry with me, an idler and sinner, nor have you destroyed me in my sins, but have shown your usual love for me. And when I was prostrate in despair, you raised me to glory with your power. Enlighten now my mind’s eye; open my mouth to study your words and understand your commandments, to do your will and sing to you in heartfelt adoration, and praise your most holy name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Orthodox)

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Closing Prayer

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Friday, April 3

Reconciliation

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Song

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

The Lord, the Most High, is awesome, **a great King over all the earth.**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

**He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.**

He chose our heritage for us,

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

he is highly exalted.

The Lord, the Most High, is awesome, **a great King over all the earth.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:8-16

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Silent Reflection

The Lord, the Most High, is awesome, **a great King over all the earth.**

Anne Kennedy wrote, “If you fling yourself on God’s mercy, which you don’t deserve, he will stand you on your feet and he will not leave you alone, but will help you learn how to behave well, will help you to see that other people are people too, and that you yourself are not a god worthy of adoration.”

Prayer for the Day

Help us to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult, serene when things are irritating. Enable us to be helpful to those in difficulties, kind to those in need, sympathetic to those whose hearts are sore and sad. Grant that nothing may make us lose our tempers, nothing may take away our joy, nothing may ruffle our peace, and nothing may make us bitter towards anyone.

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Monday, April 6

Holy Week

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Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

What Wondrous Love is This

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, **and your
faithfulness to the upright in heart!**

Psalm 36:5-11

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

***Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.***

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.***

*For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

***O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!***

*Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.*

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, **and your
faithfulness to the upright in heart!**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Silent Reflection

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, **and your faithfulness to the upright in heart!**

Brennan Manning said, “Accepting the reality of our sinfulness means accepting our authentic self. Judas could not face his shadow; Peter could. The latter befriended the impostor within; the former raged against him.”

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Tuesday, April 7

Holy Week

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you
as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked, **from the grasp of
the unjust and cruel.**

Psalm 71:1-14

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with your praise,

and with your glory all day long.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

For my enemies speak concerning me,

and those who watch for my life consult together.

They say, 'Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken,

for there is no one to deliver.'

O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;

let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

John 12:20-36

Silent Reflection

Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Oswald Chambers wrote, “It is much easier to die than to lay down your life day in and day out with the sense of the high calling of God.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Wednesday, April 8 *Holy Week*

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?*

It is the Lord God who delivers me; **who will declare me guilty?**

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O Lord, make haste to help me!

***Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.***

*Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire to hurt me.*

***Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.***

*Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.*

***Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, 'God is great!'***

*But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!*

***You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!***

It is the Lord God who delivers me; **who will declare me guilty?**

Old Testament Reading
Silent Reflection

Isaiah 50:4-9a

New Testament Reading
Silent Reflection

John 13:21-32

It is the Lord God who delivers me; **who will declare me guilty?**

Pope Benedict XVI said, “Ultimately, in the battle against lies and violence, truth and love have no other weapon than the witness of suffering.”

Prayer for the Day

O that we may all receive of Christ’s fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein thou didst create us. Amen. (John Wesley)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Holy Week

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you
as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

Jesus Paid it All

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Silent Reflection

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Denise Levertov wrote,

“Human hands connect Eucharist and cross,
Holy Thursday and Good Friday;
hands outstretched to take, break and give;
hands cupped to hold, receive, eat and drink;
hands nailed east and west on a cross.”

Prayer for the Day

As I rise from sleep, I thank you, Holy Trinity, for because of your great goodness and patience, you were not angry with me, an idler and sinner, nor have you destroyed me in my sins, but have shown your usual love for me. And when I was prostrate in despair, you raised me to glory with your power. Enlighten now my mind's eye; open my mouth to study your words and understand your commandments, to do your will and sing to you in heartfelt adoration, and praise your most holy name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Orthodox)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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Closing Prayer

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may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.**

Good Friday, April 10

Holy Week

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Do not be far from me, **for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.**

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

‘Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.

**They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for
my clothing they cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Do not be far from me, **for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

John 18:1-19:42

Silent Reflection

Do not be far from me, **for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.**

E.A. Bucchianeri wrote, "...since He took the most horrific death to redeem us, He showed us in fact that suffering and pain have great power."

Prayer for the Day

Help us to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult, serene when things are irritating. Enable us to be helpful to those in difficulties, kind to those in need, sympathetic to those whose hearts are sore and sad. Grant that nothing may make us lose our tempers, nothing may take away our joy, nothing may ruffle our peace, and nothing may make us bitter towards anyone.

So grant that through all this day, all with whom we work, and all those whom we meet, may see in us the reflection of the Master, Whose we are, and Whom we seek to serve. This we ask for Thy love's sake. Through Christ our Lord: Amen. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.**

Monday, April 13

He is Risen Indeed

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

I shall not die, but I shall live, **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I shall not die, but I shall live, **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 2

Silent Reflection

I shall not die, but I shall live, **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Frederica Mathewes-Green said, “Easter tells us of something children can’t understand, because it addresses things they don’t yet have to know: the weariness of life, the pain, the profound loneliness and hovering fear of meaninglessness....Easter may seem boring to children, and it is blessedly unencumbered by the silly fun that plagues Christmas. Yet it contains the one thing needful for every human life: the good news of the Resurrection.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

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Tuesday, April 7

He is Risen Indeed

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

He Lives!

On this mountain the Lord will prepare a feast for all peoples; **He will swallow up death forever.**

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary,

Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;

Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,

the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams?

O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock into a pool of water,

the flint into a spring of water.

On this mountain the Lord will prepare a feast for all peoples; **He will swallow up death forever.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

John 20:1-18

Silent Reflection

On this mountain the Lord will prepare a feast for all peoples; **He will swallow up death forever.**

Martin Luther said, “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

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Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Wednesday, April 15

He is Risen Indeed

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

Darkness Has Faded

Sing to God, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Psalm 105:1-7

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God;

his judgements are in all the earth.

Sing to God, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 6:1-3

Silent Reflection

Sing to God, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Pope John Paul II said, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Prayer for the Day

O that we may all receive of Christ’s fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein thou didst create us. Amen. (John Wesley)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Prayer

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Thursday, April 16

He is Risen Indeed

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

My Hope is in the Lord

Because the Lord is at my right hand, my heart is glad; **my soul rejoices, and my body also rests secure.**

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; **in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Because the Lord is at my right hand, my heart is glad; **my soul rejoices, and my body also rests secure.**

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27

Silent Reflection

Because the Lord is at my right hand, my heart is glad; my soul rejoices, and my body also rests secure.

N.T. Wright said, “Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to take people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.”

Prayer for the Day

As I rise from sleep, I thank you, Holy Trinity, for because of your great goodness and patience, you were not angry with me, an idler and sinner, nor have you destroyed me in my sins, but have shown your usual love for me. And when I was prostrate in despair, you raised me to glory with your power. Enlighten now my mind’s eye; open my mouth to study your words and understand your commandments, to do your will and sing to you in heartfelt adoration, and praise your most holy name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Orthodox)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Prayer

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Friday, April 17 He is Risen Indeed

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Make melody to God with the harp of ten strings. **Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, and shout for joy.**

Psalm 33:1-11

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Make melody to God with the harp of ten strings. **Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, and shout for joy.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:7-12

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

John 21:1-14

Silent Reflection

Make melody to God with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, and shout for joy.

Philips Brooks said, “Let every man and woman count themselves immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let them say not merely, “Christ is risen,” but “I am risen.”

Prayer for the Day

Help us to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult, serene when things are irritating. Enable us to be helpful to those in difficulties, kind to those in need, sympathetic to those whose hearts are sore and sad. Grant that nothing may make us lose our tempers, nothing may take away our joy, nothing may ruffle our peace, and nothing may make us bitter towards anyone.

So grant that through all this day, all with whom we work, and all those whom we meet, may see in us the reflection of the Master, Whose we are, and Whom we seek to serve. This we ask for Thy love’s sake. Through Christ our Lord: Amen. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever: Amen.

Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Monday, April 20

Acts of the Apostles

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

Crown Him With Many Crowns

God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,

a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us,

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

he is highly exalted.

God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-10

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Silent Reflection

God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Francis Peloubet said, “Jesus went away not only to prepare a place for us so that it will be ready for us as one by one we go home, but to prepare us for the place, to fit us for heavenly employments and heavenly service.”

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Prayers for Others

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Tuesday, April 21 Acts of the Apostles

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

**God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh; we shall prophesy, see
visions, and dream dreams.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

**when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your
hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

**may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it
trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh; **we shall prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.**

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Silent Reflection

God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh; **we shall prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.**

Henry Blackaby said, “Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.”

Prayer for the Day

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

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Closing Prayer

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Wednesday, April 22

Acts of the Apostles

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Come, let us sing to the Lord : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Song

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; **the Lord hears when I call to him.**

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!’

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; **the Lord hears when I call to him.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 57:14-21

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:1-16

Silent Reflection

Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; **the Lord hears when I call to him.**

Henri Nouwen said, “Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.”

Prayer for the Day

O that we may all receive of Christ's fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein thou didst create us. Amen. (John Wesley)

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Thursday, April 23

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Song

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;
this is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalm 118:14-24

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;
this is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:24-48

Silent Reflection

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; **this is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Hwa Yung said, "Western theology invariably asks the question: Are miracles possible? This of course addresses the Enlightenment problem of a closed universe. In much of Asia that is a non-question because the miraculous is assumed and fairly regularly experienced."

Prayer for the Day

As I rise from sleep, I thank you, Holy Trinity, for because of your great goodness and patience, you were not angry with me, an idler and sinner, nor have you destroyed me in my sins, but have shown your usual love for me. And when I was prostrate in despair, you raised me to glory with your power. Enlighten now my mind's eye; open my mouth to study your words and understand your commandments, to do your will and sing to you in heartfelt adoration, and praise your most holy name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Orthodox)

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Friday, April 24 Acts of the Apostles

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Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones; **and give thanks to his holy name.**

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,

and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, ‘I shall never be moved.’

By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

‘What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!’

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones; **and give thanks to his holy name.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1-19

Silent Reflection

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones; **and give thanks to his holy name.**

Oscar Romero said, “The church must suffer for speaking the truth, for pointing out sin, for uprooting sin. No one wants to have a sore spot touched, and therefore a society with so many sores twitches when someone has the courage to touch it and say: “You have to treat that. You have to get rid of that. Believe in Christ. Be converted.”

Prayer for the Day

Help us to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult, serene when things are irritating. Enable us to be helpful to those in difficulties, kind to those in need, sympathetic to those whose hearts are sore and sad. Grant that nothing may make us lose our tempers, nothing may take away our joy, nothing may ruffle our peace, and nothing may make us bitter towards anyone.

So grant that through all this day, all with whom we work, and all those whom we meet, may see in us the reflection of the Master, Whose we are, and Whom we seek to serve. This we ask for Thy love’s sake. Through Christ our Lord: Amen. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Prayer

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