

Thy Kingdom Come

**Morning Prayer
Thursday in Ascensiontide
May 28, 2020**

Instructions:

Please mute your microphone as we begin.
There will be one responder unmuted but please
respond audibly in your own space.

O Lord, open our lips
A// **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
A// **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.**

Psalm 24

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell
therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *R*
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *R*

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.' *R*

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

*O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the
King of glory may come in, your Son, Jesus
our redeemer.*

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.**

Ezekial 11.14-20 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to me:

¹⁵ Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, "They have gone far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession."

¹⁶ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone.

¹⁷ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

¹⁸ When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations.

¹⁹ I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**A// 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;

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

A// **The Spirit of God fills the whole world.
Alleluia.**

Matthew 9.35-10.20 (NRSV)

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother
Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother
John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus,
and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and
Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;

²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

A// **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.

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

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
A// **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.
A// **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;

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

A// **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.

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we journey through the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those seeking a vaccine or cure, and all essential workers. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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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.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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

A// Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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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.**