

# **Thy Kingdom Come**

**Evening Prayer  
Saturday in Ascensiontide  
May 30, 2020**

Eve of Pentecost

## **Instructions:**

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

O God, make speed to save us.

*A//* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

*A//* **and clothe us with power from on high.  
Alleluia.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul ♦  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦  
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting. ♦  
You make darkness that it may be night.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created, ♦  
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦  
I will make music to my God while I have my  
being.

*Psalms 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35*

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.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# *Psalm 48*

*Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦  
in the city of our God.
- 2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦  
the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦  
stands the city of the great king.
- 4 In her palaces God has shown himself ♦  
to be a sure refuge. *R*

Please mute your microphone and respond audibly in your own space.

*Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦  
and swept forward together.
- 6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦  
dismayed, they fled in terror.
- 7 Trembling seized them there;  
they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦  
as when the east wind shatters the ships of  
Tarshish.

*Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

- 8 As we had heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
the city of our God: ♦  
God has established her for ever. *R*
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦  
in the midst of your temple.

*Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

10 As with your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the  
earth; ♦

your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice  
and the daughters of Judah be glad, ♦  
because of your judgements, O Lord.

*Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

- 12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;  
count all her towers; ♦  
consider well her bulwarks;  
pass through her citadels,
- 13 That you may tell those who come after  
that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦  
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore. *R*

*Father of lights, raise us with Christ to your eternal city, that, with kings and nations, we may wait in the midst of your temple and see your glory for ever and 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 16.9–15 (NRSV)*

<sup>9</sup> You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. <sup>10</sup> Then you shall keep the festival of weeks to the Lord your God, contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God.

<sup>11</sup> Rejoice before the Lord your God—you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, the Levites resident in your towns, as well as the strangers, the orphans, and the widows who are among you—at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

<sup>12</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and diligently observe these statutes.

<sup>13</sup> You shall keep the festival of booths for seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your wine press.

<sup>14</sup> Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns.

<sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall keep the festival to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose; for the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***A//* The Spirit of the Father, who raised  
Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to  
the people of God. Alleluia.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ♦  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are  
children of God; ♦  
for we have received the Spirit that enables  
us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.

- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God ♦  
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; ♦  
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure ♦  
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing ♦  
for the revealing of the children of God.

*Romans 8.2,14,15b-19*

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 the Father, who raised  
Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to  
the people of God. Alleluia.**

## *John 7.37–39 (NRSV)*

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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When you send forth your Spirit, we are created; you renew the face of the earth.

*A//* **When you send forth your Spirit,  
we are created; you renew the face of  
the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;  
in wisdom you have made them all.

*A//* **You renew the face of the earth.**

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

*A//* **When you send forth your Spirit,  
we are created; you renew the face of  
the earth.**

*from Psalm 104*

*Gospel Canticle: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

***A//* How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

- 2 From this day all generations will call me  
blessed; ♦  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦  
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

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//* **How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. 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*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Collect for Pentecost*

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.**