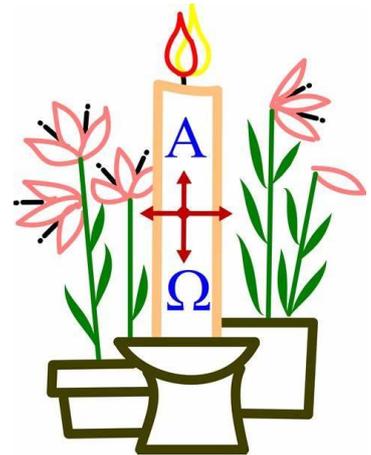


Prayers for the Easter Season

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Psalm 139.7



Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

Psalm 118: 14-24

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
¹⁷ I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
**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.**

Bible Readings

Sunday

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1.3-5

Monday

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Zephaniah 3.14-18

Tuesday

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49

Wednesday

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1-4

Thursday

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24.28-32

Friday

Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Job 19.23-27a

Saturday

I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.'

Revelation 1.12,13,17,18

Take a few moments of silence

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Prayers

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.
That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: *Hear our prayer*
That all people may receive the good news of his victory: *Hear our prayer*
That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of his resurrection: *Hear our prayer*
That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: *Hear our prayer*
That in the undying love of Christ
we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: *Hear our prayer*
Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever. **Amen**

from the Easter Vigil

Say the Lord's Prayer

May the risen Christ give us his peace. **Alleluia. Amen.**

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