

Thy Kingdom Come

**Morning Prayer
Friday in Ascensiontide
May 29, 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
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
All **and clothe us with power from on high.**
Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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 28

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

- 1 To you I call, O Lord my rock;
be not deaf to my cry, ♦
lest, if you do not hear me,
I become like those who go down to the Pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to
you, ♦
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies. *R*

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

- 3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked,
with the evildoers, ♦
who speak peaceably with their neighbours,
while malice is in their hearts.
- 4 Repay them according to their deeds ♦
and according to the wickedness of their devices. *R*
- 5 Reward them according to the work of their hands
♦ and pay them their just deserts.

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

- 6 They take no heed of the Lord's doings,
nor of the works of his hands; ♦
therefore shall he break them down
and not build them up. *R*
- 7 Blessed be the Lord, ♦
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.
- 8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; ♦
my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

- 9 Therefore my heart dances for joy ♦
and in my song will I praise him. *R*
- 10 The Lord is the strength of his people, ♦
a safe refuge for his anointed.
- 11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; ♦
shepherd them and carry them for ever. *R*

Hear us, Shepherd of your people, forgive us our sins and, in a world of pretences, make us true in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 36.22-28 (NRSV)

²² Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

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

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your
uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,

- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart
of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

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

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

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

Matthew 12.22–32 (NRSV)

²² Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see.

²³ All the crowds were amazed and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.”

²⁵ He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

All **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

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

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
All **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing for
the glorious liberty of the children of God.
All **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
people and kindle in us the fire of your
love.**

cf Romans 8

All **Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands
of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father
Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of
our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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

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

All **Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

Prayers

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

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

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

Prayers

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayers

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

Further prayers may be added.

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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.**