

# Daily Prayer

## *Easter Feria*

*Wednesday, May 7, 2025*

*We enter into a time of quiet. We offer to God our selves and in the silence know that God embraces us as God's very own. We offer our hopes and our concerns through our prayers and in the silence listen for God. Today we hold in our prayers the ordinary moments in life—the trials and the joys. We begin by saying*

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ

**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

## **The First Reading**

And Saul approved of their killing him.

That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Now those who were scattered went from place to place proclaiming the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed, and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

*Acts 8.1b-8*

## The Psalm

Be joyful in God, all the earth; ♦  
sing the glory of his name;  
sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! ♦  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies shall bow before you.

'All the earth shall worship you, ♦  
sing to you, sing praise to your name.'

Come now and behold the works of God, ♦  
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

He turned the sea into dry land;  
the river they passed through on foot; ♦  
there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; ♦  
let no rebel rise up against him.

*Psalm 66.1-6*

## The Gospel Reading

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

*John 6.35-40*

*In silence, we ask what the readings have to say to us today. Is there something that draws us more deeply into the reading? What does God have to say to us? What do we have to ask God?*

*When the time is right, we conclude our time of silence with the canticle*

## **The Canticle ~ A Song of the Covenant**

I have given you as a light to the nations,  
and I have called you in righteousness.

Thus says God, who created the heavens, ♦  
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

Who gives breath to the people upon it ♦  
and spirit to those who walk in it,

'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, ♦  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

'I have given you as a covenant to the people, ♦  
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

'To bring out the captives from the dungeon, ♦  
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.

'I am the Lord, that is my name; ♦  
my glory I give to no other.'

*Isaiah 42.5-8a*

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.

I have given you as a light to the nations,  
and I have called you in righteousness.

*We continue in prayer for those people and situations that we hold up before God and continue with the concluding collect, the Lord's prayer and the closing sentences.*

## The Intercessions

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us,**  
**accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

*Our prayers conclude*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
through your rising again hope has been renewed,  
joy has been restored  
and life has been re-created for this whole world.  
Give us grace in this season of celebration  
to rise to you in our hearts,  
that with prayer and song we may re-echo  
that hymn of joy which your Easter began,  
O Jesus Christ our Lord.

*[let us pray as our Saviour taught us,]*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

*We conclude*

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.  
**Amen.**



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