**Daily Prayer – April 24-29 2023**

Season: **Easter**

Festivals this week: St George (Monday 24) St Mark (Tuesday 25)

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**Morning Prayer**

***Opening prayer***

**God of our days and years**

**We set this time apart for you.**

**Form us in the likeness of Christ**

**So that our lives may glorify you.**

**Amen**

**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

**In your resurrection, O Christ,**

**Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

**Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,**

**to you be praise and glory for ever.**

**As once you ransomed your people from Egypt**

**and led them to freedom in the promised land,**

**so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness**

**and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.**

**May we, the first fruits of your new creation,**

**rejoice in this new day you have made,**

**and praise you for your mighty acts.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Prayer of Preparation***

**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**

**Amen.**

***The Word of God***

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday**  | **Wednesday** | **Thursday**  | **Friday**  | **Saturday**  |
| Ps. 5Josh 1:1-9Eph 6:1-20 | Ps. 37:23-endIsaiah 62:6-10Acts 12:25-13:13 | Ps. 105Deut 6Eph 2:1-10 | Ps. 136Deut 7:1-11Eph 2:11-end | Ps. 107Deut 7:12-endEph 3:1-13 | Ps. 110Deut 8Eph 3:14-end |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

**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**

*The appointed Old Testament reading for the day*

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

*The appointed New Testament reading for the day*

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**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

**Christ is risen from the dead,**

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**The trumpet will sound**

**and the dead shall be raised.**

**Where O death is your sting?**

**We shall not all sleep,**

**but we shall be changed.**

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***Prayers of Intercession***

Pray for:

* The day and its tasks
* The world and its needs
* The Church and her life.

You may wish to include these concerns in your prayers during Lent:

* The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
* God’s creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
* Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
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* Prisoners and captives

And especially at this time, for the people of Ukraine:

**God of peace and justice,**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine today.**

**We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.**

**We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,**

**that your Spirit of comfort**

**would draw near to them.**

**We pray for those with power**

**over war or peace, for wisdom,**

**discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.**

**Above all, we pray for all your precious children,**

**at risk and in fear,**

**that you would hold and protect them.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus,**

**Prince of Peace.**

**Amen**

**Lord in your mercy**

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***Collect for the week***

**Almighty Father,**

**who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples**

**with the sight of the risen Lord:**

**give us such knowledge of his presence with us,**

**that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life**

**and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***Final Prayer***

**May the risen Christ, grant us the joys of eternal life,**

**Set us free to serve him with joy.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**From the rising of the sun to its setting**

**Your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

**Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,**

**According to your judgement give us life.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,**

**to you be glory and praise for ever.**

**In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts**

**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God**

**in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Open our eyes to the knowledge of your presence,**

**that freed from the misery of sin and shame**

**we many grow into your likeness from glory to glory.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**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.**

**Amen.**

***A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows***

***Penitence***

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess to you,**

**Before the whole company of heaven and one another,**

**That we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**And in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**Heal us by your Spirit**

**And raise us to new life in Christ.**

**Amen**

**O God, make speed to save us,**

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

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***The Conclusion***

**In peace we will lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**Abide with us, Lord Jesus,**

**For the night is at hand the day is now past.**

**As the night watch looks for the morning,**

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

**May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,**

**may the Spirit descend upon us,**

**and the blessing of God be with us**

**this night and always.**

**Amen**