**Daily Prayer – April 22-27 2024**

Season: **Easter**

**Festivals this week: George, patron of England (Tues 23); Mark the Evangelist (Thurs 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**

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**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, Lord God of our salvation,**

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

**As once you redeemed 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** |
| Psalm 103  Exodus 32:1-14  Luke 2:41-end | Psalm 5  Josh 1:1-9  Ephesians 6:10-20 | Psalm 135  Exodus 33  Luke 3:15-22 | Psalm 37:23-end  Isaiah 62:6-10  Acts 12:25-13:13 | Psalm 33  Exodus 35:20-36:7  Luke 4:14-30 | Psalm 34  Exodus 40:17-end  Luke 4:31-37 |

*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*

**This is the word of the Lord**

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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 the week:

* 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
* Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
* 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**

For the people of the Holy land:

**God of compassion and justice,**

**We cry out to your for all who suffer in the Holy Land today.**

**For your precious children, Israelis and Palestinians,**

**traumatised and in fear for their lives;**

**Lord have mercy.**

**For the families of the bereaved,**

**for those who have seen images they will never forget,**

**for those anxiously waiting for news,**

**despairing with each passing day;**

**Lord have mercy.**

**For young men and women, heading into combat,**

**bearing the burden of what others have done**

**and what they will be asked to do,**

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**whose imagination is large enough**

**to conceive of a different way,**

**that they may speak and act and be heard,**

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**Mighty and caring God,**

**you promised that one day,**

**swords will be beaten into ploughshares;**

**Meet us in our distress,**

**and bring peace upon this troubled land.**

**Amen.**

**Lord in your mercy**

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***Collect for the day***

**Almighty God,**

**whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:**

**raise us, who trust in him,**

**from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,**

**that we may seek those things which are above,**

**where he 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.**

**Amen**

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

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

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**Let your ways be known upon earth**

**Your saving power among the nations.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,**

**the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, t**

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

**From the deep waters of death**

**you brought your people to new birth**

**by raising your Son to life in triumph.**

**Through him dark death has been destroyed**

**and radiant life is everywhere restored.**

**As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light**

**may our lives reflect his glory**

**and our lips repeat the endless song.**

**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**