



Prayer During the Day
Lent – Thursday, 19 March 2020
Joseph of Nazareth

PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears.

Psalm 39.13

--

PRAISE

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.**

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Anselm (1109)

--

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 147:1-12
Praise for God's Care for Jerusalem

- 1 Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 **The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

- 3 He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 **He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**
- 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 **The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**
- 9 He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
- 10 **His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**
- 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 12 **Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!**

--

WE PRAY TOGETHER

**Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;
give us the sorrow that heals
and the joy that praises
and restore by grace your own image within us,
that we may take our place among your people;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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 READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Peaceful Kingdom

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSE

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

PRAYERS

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;**

**to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.
Amen.**

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.**

--

THE CONCLUSION

May God bless us and show us compassion and mercy.
Amen.

—

© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2005
Official Common Worship apps, books and eBooks are available from Church House Publishing.

The Bible readings (other than the psalms) are from The New Revised Standard Version Anglicized Edition, copyright 1989, 1995 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Implemented by Simon Kershaw at Crucix.
Implementation copyright © Simon Kershaw, 2002-2019.