

CHRIST CHURCH JERUSALEM



Morning Prayer Passiontide

We welcome to the Communion Table all those who love Jesus the Messiah and have made Him Lord.

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever. As a man
of sorrows and acquainted with grief, your
only Son was lifted up that he might draw
the whole world to himself.

**May we walk this day in the way of the
cross and be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.
Blessed be God for ever.**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
**Look and see if there is any sorrow like
my sorrow,**

Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gall!
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
**'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
**It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

For the Lord will not reject for ever;
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
**According to the abundance of his
steadfast love;**

**for he does not willingly afflict or grieve
anyone.**

(Lamentations 1.12, 3.19, 21-26, 31-33)

**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 night has passed, and the day lies open
before us; let us pray with one heart and
mind:

1. Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.
**Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.**
Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God who will richly pardon.
(Isaiah 55)

**Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse
us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus the Messiah our Lord.
Amen. (Psalm 51)**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

**Blessed be the Lord,
All who has heard the voice of our prayer.
Therefore our hearts shall dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.**
(Psalm 28.7,9)

2. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

(Psalm 103)

3. Come, Holy Spirit of God,
search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: Shma Israel, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai ehad.

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

**with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'**

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *(Matt. 22: 37-39)*

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus the Messiah our Lord. *(Hosea 6)***

Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Praise

Canticle

1. I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praises of the Most High.

**Who is this that comes from Edom,
coming from Bozrah, his garments
stained crimson?**

**Who is this in glorious apparel, marching
in the greatness of his strength?**

'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

**Why are your robes all red, O Lord,
and your garments like theirs who tread
the winepress?**

'I have trodden the winepress alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

**I will recount the gracious deeds of the
Lord, the praises of the Most High.**

**All that God has done for us in his mercy,
by his many acts of love.**

For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,'
**and he became their Saviour in all their
distress.**

So God redeemed them by his love and pity;
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

(Isaiah 63.1-3, 7-9)

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Lord, the praises of the Most High.**

2. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness for they shall be filled.

(Song of Zechariah)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has visited his people and redeemed
them.

**He has raised up a horn of salvation for
us, in the house of his servant David.**

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets of old that we should be saved from our enemies, from the hand of all who hate us,

to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham:

that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

To give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of all their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dawn shall visit us from on high, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of shalom. *(Luke 1.68-79)*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.

3. God's love for us is revealed in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(Magnificat)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is might has done great things for me and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

he has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Luke 1.46-55)

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The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus the Messiah delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

(1 Cor. 1:18)

Standing at the foot of the cross, we 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.

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.

Blessing

May the Messiah, the Son of David, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.

(Luke 1:67)



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