

Dear everyone

Please find our worship for today from the Archdeaconry team to help us to unite as one body of Christ.

Preparation O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My trust is in you, O Lord. I have said 'You are my God.'

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection. For by virtue of the cross joy has come into the whole world.

The Word of God

Psalm 143 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ♦ answer me in your righteousness. Enter not into judgement with your servant, ♦ for in your sight shall no one living be justified. For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, ♦ making me sit in darkness like those long dead. My spirit faints within me; ♦ my heart within me is desolate. I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; ♦ I consider the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; ♦ my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land. O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ♦ hide not your face from me lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you I put my trust; ♦ show me the way I should walk in, for I lift up my soul to you. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, ♦ for I flee to you for refuge. Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ♦ let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path. Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ♦ for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble. 8 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies, and destroy all the adversaries of my soul, ♦ for truly I am your servant.

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.

Wednesday in Holy Week The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayers A time of prayer where you can pray for all those who are affected by the current situation.

*Pray for the world; for the Church; for our country and Government; for our doctors, nurses and emergency services; for your family, loved ones and friends; for those who are lonely or anxious; for the sick and dying; for the departed; and do not forget to pray for yourself and your own needs and concerns.*

With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life: Lord, have mercy. Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division: Lord, have mercy.

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil: Lord, have mercy.

Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: Lord, have mercy. 13 Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: Lord, have mercy.

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: Lord, have mercy. Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence kept.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me, body of Christ, save me, blood of Christ, inebriate me, water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me: hide me within your wounds and never let me be separated from you.. >From the wicked enemy defend me, in the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, so that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said. Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace. Amen

Blessings until tomorrow

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