



EL GRECO: *CHRIST IN PRAYER* (c. 1597), National Gallery Prague, Czechia

Midday Prayer
From Ascension to Pentecost
14th - 22nd May 2021



Preparation

Heavenly Father, may thy kingdom come;
May thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86.4

Praise

We hear a short song of praise.

The Word of God

The officiant reads a short passage from the Bible.

Friday 14th May 2021

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2.8b-10

Saturday 15th May 2021

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8. 38, 39

Monday 17th May 2021

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord

shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-end

Tuesday 18th May 2021

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12. 4 - 7

Wednesday 19th May 2021

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2. 28, 29

Thursday 20th May 2021

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

Friday 21st May 2021

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Saturday 22nd May 2021

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being

transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3.17,18

The Response

Clap your hands together, all you peoples;

O sing to God with shouts of joy.

God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

Psalms 47.1,5-7

The Collect of the Day

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

In a moment of quiet,
we give thanks to God for who God is,
and we give thanks to God for his faithfulness.

Silence

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

In a moment of quiet,
we pray for God's love to direct our relationships,
our labour, and our rest.

Silence

Give us this day our daily bread.

In a moment of quiet,
we pray to God for our own needs,
and for the needs of the world.

Silence

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us

In a moment of quiet,
we confess to God
those times when we have not reached out in love,
and we pray for the grace to forgive others.

Silence

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

In a moment of quiet,
we pray for the spiritual courage and humility
to resist selfishness, pride, and hatred,
and to live our lives in the image of Christ

Silence

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.

In a moment of quiet,
we turn to Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
and pray for God's blessing on ourselves,
on the church, and on the world.

Silence

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.**

Conclusion

Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ,
your light and glory have blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that we may share with others
the life of your Son and your love for all.

Alleluia. Amen.

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