

## MORNING PRAYER FOR PASSION SUNDAY

1 This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118.24

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

### 2 *The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Today if only you would hear his voice:  
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;  
'When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof though they had seen my works.  
'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
"It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they do not know my ways";  
'Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
"They shall not enter my rest."

Psalm 95

### 3 *The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be 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.**

### 4 *The Psalm as appointed.*

## Psalm 71 verses 1-14

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope:  
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- 6 On you have I leaned since my birth:  
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,  
and my praise is of you continually.
- 7 I have become as a fearful warning to many:  
but you are my strength and my refuge.
- 8 My mouth shall be filled with your praises:  
I shall sing of your glory all the day long.
- 9 Cast me not away in the time of old age:  
nor forsake me when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies speak against me:  
and those that watch for my life conspire together, saying,
- 11 'God has forsaken him:  
pursue him, take him, for there is none to save him.'
- 12 Be not far from me, O God:  
my God, make haste to help me.
- 13 Let my adversaries be confounded and put to shame:  
let those who seek my hurt  
be covered with scorn and disgrace.
- 14 As for me, I will wait in hope continually:  
and I will praise you more and more.

*5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free:  
grant us the fullness of life he promised us,  
that through the Holy Spirit  
our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see,  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 11, beginning at verse 21

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he for ever!) knows that I do not lie.

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of  
all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears:  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear:  
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation:  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God:  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

*10 The Collect of the Day*

Life-giving God,  
your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death:  
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13.14*