

Thy Kingdom Come Global Wave of Prayer - Day 4

Evening Prayer - 24 May 2020

Gathering

Welcome to Thy Kingdom Come and the Global Wave of Prayer. Every evening between Jesus Ascension to heaven and Pentecost Sunday we are joining hundreds of thousands of people all over the world as we celebrate God's amazing love for us all and the hope that that gives us even in this time of the Corona Virus.

We are praying for God's kingdom to come, on earth, as it is in heaven. We are praying specifically for more people to come to know Jesus - the King of the Universe - as their Lord and Friend.

As we meet and read from the Bible, and pray it is our hope that all of us are able to draw closet to God, be transformed by His love, and learn to live courageously for him.

This evening we are here to woship God, to praise God, to thank God, and to allow God into our lives. We are here to pray for the world, to pray for our community, to pray for one another.

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish.

Video Introduction

Abp. Justin Welby on the power of prayer and forgiveness.

Play Video:

<https://youtu.be/LpbP3-WWVug>

O Gracious Light (*Phos Hilaron*)

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalms

Psalm 24 (NIV)

A psalm of David

- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
- 2 for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
- 3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.[b][c]

7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel chapter 1 verses 1 to 14.

1 In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

2 On the fifth of the month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin— 3 the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, by the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians. There the hand of the Lord was on him.

4 I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, 5 and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human, 6 but each of them had four faces and four wings.

7 Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. All four of them had faces and wings, 9 and the wings of one touched the wings of another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved.

10 Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.

11 Such were their faces. They each had two wings spreading out upward, each wing touching that of the creature on either side; and each had two other wings covering its body.

12 Each one went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they went. 13 The appearance of the living creatures was like burning coals of fire or like torches. Fire moved back and forth among the creatures; it was bright, and lightning flashed out of it. 14 The creatures sped back and forth like flashes of lightning.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to MATTHEW

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:16-20 New International Version (NIV)

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction to a Thy Kingdom Come Video

Philip Glassboro knows something about needing to say “I’m sorry.” When he was a young boy he got himself into a spot of trouble. If had hadn’t said ‘I’m sorry’ it might have been a disaster for his family and many families around him.

Thy Kingdom Come Video

<https://vimeo.com/387063272>

What do you have to say “I’m sorry for?”

We will have a chance to think about that more.

**But first, let’s declare our love and faith and trust in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Prayers

Members who have gathered may lead the intercessions and thanksgivings. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for

*the Church
the Queen and all in authority
the world
the local community
those in need
the departed.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray

**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.**

Announcements

1. Invite more people to be a part of our service of evening prayer.
2. Get the Thy Kingdom Come app and use it to enrich your prayers for the next 10 days.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia!

May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.