

## *Holy Week at Home*

*The gathered Community of St. George's Ajax  
Worshipping at home and online*

### **DAILY PRAYERS FOR MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY**

#### *Evening Prayer for Monday of Holy Week*

##### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

###### *Introductory Responses*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can extinguish.**

###### **Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,

**to you be glory and praise for ever.**

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,  
stir up in us the fire of your love,  
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and walk with you in newness of life,  
singing the praises of him who died  
for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

##### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

###### *The Psalm (36:5-11)*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
And your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

Your justice like the great deep;

You save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your Love, O God!

Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.  
They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
You give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the well of life,  
And in your light we see light.  
Continue in your loving-kindness to those who know you,  
And your favour to those who are true of heart.  
Let not the food of the proud come near me;  
Nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.*

*The Reading*

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (12:1-1.11)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*The Responsory*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you**  
We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God forbid that I should glory,  
**save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Second Reading

*The Canticle*  
*The Song of Christ's Glory (Philippians 2.5-11)*

**Christ Jesus was in the form of God,  
but he did not cling to equality with God.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant  
and was born in human likeness.  
Being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith*

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## **The Litany**

*Let us offer our praises and prayers  
to the one who intercedes for us, saying,  
“Lamb of God, **we praise you.**”*

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross  
so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

Innocent captive,  
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief  
and opened to him the door of paradise:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

Most merciful Saviour,  
you have known the pain of abandonment:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

Lord, you love all whom God has made  
and gave up your own self for them:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

Through your self-offering  
you have brought the crown of life to all people:  
Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

*Additional intercessions are offered here.*

Lamb of God, **we praise you.**

## *Collect*

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. Amen.

*Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.*

Standing at the foot of the cross  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us 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.  
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.**

#### BLESSING

May God, who so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.  
Amen.

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.<sup>[4]</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Holy Week at Home continues at 8 am tomorrow, for morning prayer.

### *Morning Prayer for Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week*

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

##### *Introductory Responses*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
**your saving help among the nations.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Full of sorrows and acquainted with grief,  
Christ was lifted up  
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk this day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.  
Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### **THE READINGS for Tuesday**

#### **The Psalm (71)**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many;  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise  
and your glory all the day long.

Do not cast me off in my old age;  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

For my enemies are talking against me,  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

They say, "God has forsaken him;  
go after him and seize him;  
because there is none who will save."

O God, be not far from me;  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced;  
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

But I shall always wait in patience,  
and shall praise you more and more.

My mouth shall recount your mighty acts  
and saving deeds all day long;  
though I cannot know the number of them.

I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God;  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young,  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me,  
till I make known your strength to this generation  
and your power to all who are to come.

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;  
you have done great things;  
who is like you, O God?

You have showed me great troubles and adversities,  
but you will restore my life  
and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

You strengthen me more and more;  
you enfold and comfort me,

Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your  
faithfulness, O my God;  
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips will sing with joy when I play to you,  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long,  
for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Responsory**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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God forbid that we should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-36)**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people\* to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah\* remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know



where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **THE READINGS For Wednesday**

#### **The Psalm (70)**

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,  
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;  
O Lord, do not tarry.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
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A reading from the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:21-32)

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.'

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Reading

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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 again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and 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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

##### The Litany

With faith and love and in union with Christ,  
let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace, saying,  
'God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**'

Have mercy on your people,  
for whom your Son laid down his life.

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,  
and have pity on those torn apart by division.

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

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

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,  
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort to the dying,  
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

Give rest to the departed  
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.

God of the deep, **hear our prayer.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- the Church;
- the sick, isolated and dying people the world; leaders of the nations;
- all who are lonely;
- all who are near to death and
- all who are facing loss.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us 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.**

**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.**

### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

**May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him in joy. Amen**