



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.'

Psalm 31.14

PRAISE

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 upon us.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection:
**for by virtue of the cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

from the Liturgy of Good Friday

PSALM: 36:5-11

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

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; ♦
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life ♦
and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

Let not the foot of pride come against me, ♦
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

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.**

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: Luke 22:1-23

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" " He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' 17Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

Silence

RESPONSE

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.10

PRAYERS

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, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

COLLECT OF MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of his cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LENT COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PASSIONTIDE PRAYER

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.

Anima Christi (14th century)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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