

CHRIST CHURCH JERUSALEM

Morning and Evening Prayer with the Psalms of Ascent



Preparation

The LORD is in his holy temple:
let all the earth be silent before him.

(silence is kept)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! **My soul longs for the courts of the LORD, my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, **where she may lay her young near your altar, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**

As they pass through the Valley of Baka they make it a place of springs;
The early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength,
Till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O LORD God of hosts;
O God of Jacob.

Look with favor on the king, O God;
Look with favor on your anointed one.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
The LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalms of Ascent

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who stand by night in the house of the LORD. **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.**

I rejoiced with those who said, Let us go to the house of the LORD.

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

This is where the tribes go up to praise the name of the LORD.

Here stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls and security within your gates.
For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, Peace be within you.

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, **I will seek your prosperity.**

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

For the LORD has chosen Jerusalem, he has desired it for his dwelling.

This is my resting place forever; here I will sit enthroned.

I will bless her with abundant provisions;
Her poor I will satisfy with food.

I will make the house of David strong and prepare a lamp for my anointed.

He will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown.

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; **for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. **Such is the generation of those who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. **You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

Confession

Out of the depths I cry to you; **LORD, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins who could stand before you? **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can serve you.**

I wait for the LORD and in his word I put my hope. **I wait for the LORD more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. **He will redeem us from all our sins.**

Let us confess our sins, for he is faithful to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence is kept)

LORD God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus of Nazareth our LORD.

Restoration

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus the Messiah our LORD. **Amen.**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations, the LORD has done great things for them. **The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.**

Those who sow with tears will reap with joy. **He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

The Lessons

The Gospel Canticles

The Song of Mary

"My soul magnifies the LORD. And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name. His mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy **as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever."**

The Song of Zechariah

"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel **who has come to his people and set them free.**

He raised up for us a mighty Savior, **born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his prophets from of old,
He promised to save us from the hand of all who hate us;

To show mercy to our fathers,
To remember his holy covenant,

This is the oath he swore to our father Abraham: **to rescue us from the hands of our enemies, to free us to serve him without fear, holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.**

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
To give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has visited us;
To shine to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace."

The Song of Simeon

"LORD, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. **For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people;**

A light to the Gentiles, **and the glory of your people Israel."**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, **as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

We lift up our eyes to you, who sits enthroned in heaven.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

We will call upon the LORD in our distress,
and he will answer us.

LORD, have mercy upon us;

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us.

My heart, O LORD, is not proud,
My eyes are not haughty.

I do not occupy myself with things too great and marvelous for me.

Show us your mercy O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O LORD, in all the world;
Too long we have lived among those who hate peace.

For only in you can we live in safety. **LORD, keep this nation under your care;**

Guide us in the ways of justice and truth.
Let your ways be known upon the earth, and bring healing to the nations.

Let not the needy, O LORD, be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

In vain we rise early and stay up late, toiling for food. **Grant rest, O LORD, to those you love.**

As our Savior taught us let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. My mouth will speak of the praise of the LORD, and bless his holy name forever.

Collect

- Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our

companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

We lift up our eyes to the hills, where does our help come from? **Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. **Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. Amen.**

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Lets us go out with joy and be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**



Part of the Herodian stairway that gave pilgrims access to the Holy Temple.