



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: 71

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; ♦
let me never be put to shame.

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

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; ♦
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

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

For you are my hope, O Lord God, ♦
my confidence, even from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my mother's womb; ♦
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 away in the time of 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; pursue him and take him, ♦

because there is none to deliver him.'

O God, be not far from me; ♦

come quickly to help me, O my God.

Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace; ♦

let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

But as for me I will hope continually ♦

and will praise you more and more.

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 22:24-53

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.'

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.' They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.'

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Silence

RESPONSE

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

Matthew 5.10

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption:

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church. Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism, together with their teachers, sponsors and families. Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

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COLLECT OF TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer pain and loss for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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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