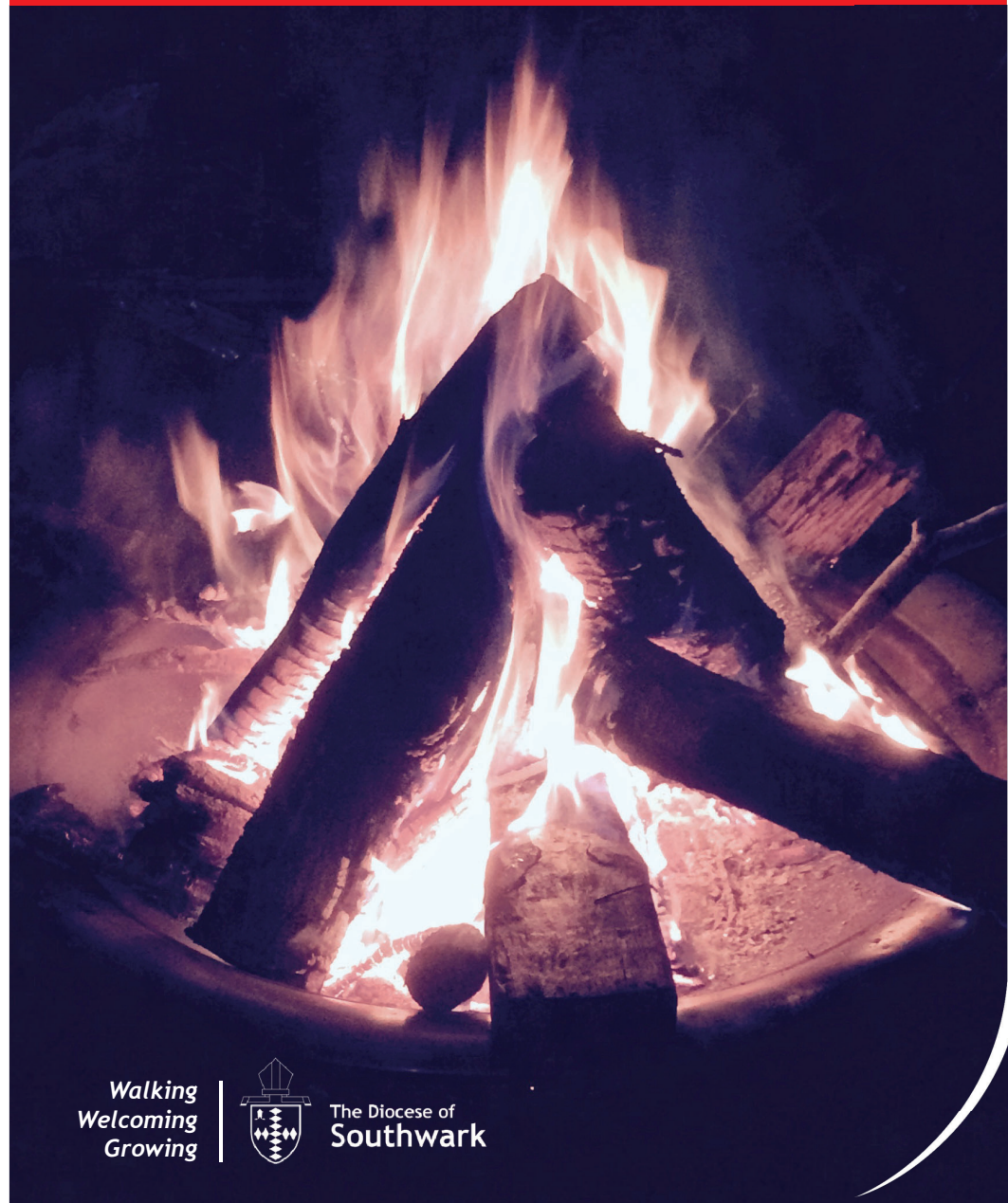




Thy Kingdom Come

Daily prayer from Ascension to Pentecost
Year B



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Notes:

Prayer practice: Lectio Divina

In this shortened version of the Lectio Divina prayer practice, the aim is to encourage the participant to experience the text, and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten key words or phrases.

The text should be read three times, with a substantial pause between each reading to explore these questions:

- where are you drawn in this text? What words or phrases hit you, what image do you get from listening to this text?
- wherever you were drawn in the text, allow yourself to go deeper with whatever words, phrases or images you have experienced
- what might God be saying to you through this text, and how might you seek to respond?

Prayer practice ends when the leader says “Amen”.

Introduction

As part of the Archbishops’ Thy Kingdom Come initiative, the Diocese of Southwark is encouraging churches to commit to daily prayer and a number of associated events around local mission and evangelism during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

This has been a key time to pray for the Church’s mission since its earliest days. Your parish may already engage in a form of daily prayer. Of course, you are welcome to continue to use this. However, you may find the seasonal variations helpful.

This booklet has been compiled from a number of different sources to assist in leading daily prayer during this season, and draws on a variety of Church of England resources. Further copies can be downloaded from the Diocese of Southwark’s website (southwark.anglican.org/tkc). To hear and download examples of the Taizé chants, visit the Taizé website (www.taize.fr).

The intercessions allow for the three elements of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative:

- intercession concerning a parish or related prayer walk
- individuals praying for five people known to them to experience God
- intercessions for local mission and evangelism initiatives.

The bold “R” in the intercessions marks the response you use locally. This could be “Lord have mercy”, with the response “Lord have mercy”, followed by “Christ have mercy” (response: “Christ have mercy”) and then “Lord have mercy” (response: “Lord have mercy”).

We hope that this resource will help local churches to engage in prayerful action focused on mission and evangelism during this exciting season.

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Morning prayer from Ascension to Pentecost

The Welcome

The leader welcomes those gathered and explains the particular prayer practice and readings

The Preparation and Invocation

Silent pause as candle is lit

O Lord, open our lips
All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ
All: let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessèd are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound.
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All: Blessèd be God for ever.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us
pray with one heart and mind.

Short pause

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your
presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now
and for ever.
All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Candle is extinguished

Free prayer may be offered and responses made

In your paschal victory, you have proclaimed the coming of the kingdom: [R]

The Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Optional additional Collect prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**All: 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May Jesus Christ, the Life Giver, bless and watch over us, and keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

May God kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All: Amen.

Suggested Taizé chant

Repeat in Taizé harmony parts if known

**All: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.**

**All: 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.**

Lectionary psalms for Ascension until the day before Pentecost Sunday

Ascension Day: Psalms 110, 150

Day 1: Psalms 20, 81

Day 2: Psalms 21, 47

Day 3: Psalm 76

Day 4: Psalms 16, 147.1-12

Day 5: Psalms 98, 99, 100

Day 6: Psalms 2, 29

Day 7: Psalms 24, 72

Day 8: Psalms 28, 30

Day 9: Psalms 42, 43

Silent pause

Suggested readings for Ascension until the day before Pentecost Sunday

The texts are an alternative sequence of readings that may be used between Ascension Day and Pentecost, in preparation for the Day of Pentecost. It is suggested that you use the texts as a Lectio Divina (instructions on page 22).

Ascension Day: Isaiah 52.7-end

Day 1: Exodus 35.30-36.1

Day 2: Numbers 11.16-17, 24-29

Day 3: Isaiah 14.3-15

Day 4: Numbers 27.15-end

Day 5: 1 Samuel 10.1-10

Day 6: 1 Kings 19.1-18

Day 7: Ezekiel 11.14-20

Day 8: Ezekiel 36.22-28

Day 9: Micah 3.1-8

Silent pause

The Benedictus

If you are able, please stand

**All: Blessèd be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember God's holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

The Prayers

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That our friends, family and neighbours that do not know Christ
may come to experience him as their Lord and Saviour: [R]

That our parish initiatives in intercessory prayer, mission and
evangelism may be effective in expanding Christ's Kingdom: [R]

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of Christ's resurrection: [R]

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace through Christ: [R]

That in the undying love of Christ, we may have union
with all who have died in the faith of Christ: [R]

Free prayer may be offered and responses made

and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

The Prayers

For the unity and peace of the holy Church of God throughout
the world: [R]

For the peace and stability of all peoples and for those in
authority: [R]

For our own country and its national life and for all who dwell
among us: [R]

For a blessing on our homes, for our relations and friends and all
whom we love: [R]

For the sick and the suffering and for all who minister to their
needs: [R]

For the mission and evangelism of our parish: [R]

Prayer by William Laud:

Most gracious Father, in this season of Pentecost,
we pray for us and the whole Church catholic:
fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace;
where it is corrupt, purge it;
where it is in error, direct it;
where anything is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen and confirm it;
where it is in want, furnish it;
where it is divided, heal it and unite it in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongues.
Son of our God, giver of life alone.
Therefore in all the world thy Glory Lord they own.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful let us pray with
one heart and mind.

Short pause

As our evening prayer rises before you O God, so may your mercy
come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your
praise, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Lectionary psalm

Pentecost Sunday: Psalm 139.1-11.

Silent pause

The Gospel or New Testament reading

Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2.1-21.

It is suggested that you use the texts as a Lectio Divina (see page 22).

Silent pause

The Magnificat

If you are able, please stand

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me
and Holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him,
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead and
rose to heaven, to the mercy and protection of God this day: [R]

The Collect for Ascensiontide

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Optional additional Collect prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All: 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Jesus Christ, the Life Giver, bless and guide us this day,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Candle is extinguished

Evening prayer from Ascension to Pentecost

The Welcome

The leader welcomes those gathered and explains the particular prayer practice and readings

The Preparation and Invocation

Silent pause as candle is lit

O God make speed to save us.
All: O Lord make haste to help us.

You, O lord, are my lamp.
All: You turn our darkness into light.

Blessèd are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound.
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All: Blessèd be God for ever.

A Song of the Light

(from the 3rd-century Greek hymn, Phos Hilaron)

**All: Hail gladdening light, of thy pure glory poured.
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blessèd.
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Now we have come to the sun's hour of rest
the lights of evening round us shine.
We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Divine.

Evening prayer on Pentecost Sunday

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The Preparation and Invocation

Silent pause as candle is lit

With you, O Lord, is the well of life.
All: And in your light shall we see light.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, our light and our life;
to you be glory and praise for ever!
When we turned away to darkness and chaos,
like a mother you would not forsake us.
You have given to us the Holy Spirit to bring us life
and so we rejoice as your Spirit guides us into the ways of Christ.
Your living Word brings light out of darkness
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bending our wills to the gentle rule of your love.
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All: Blessèd be God for ever.

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The Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Optional additional Collect prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray as our
Saviour taught us.

All: 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Jesus Christ, the Life Giver, bless and guide us this day, and
keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

May God kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Candle is extinguished

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongues.
Son of our God, giver of life alone.
Therefore in all the world thy Glory Lord they own.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful let us pray
with one heart and mind.

Short pause

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy
come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing
your praise, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Lectionary psalms for Ascension until the day before Pentecost Sunday

Ascension Day: Psalm 8

Day 1: Psalm 145

Day 2: Psalms 84, 85

Day 3: Psalm 147

Day 4: Psalm 80

Day 5: Psalm 68

Day 6: Psalms 36, 46

Day 7: Psalm 139

Day 8: Psalms 130, 131, 137

Day 9: Psalm 48

Silent pause

Suggested readings for Ascension until the day before Pentecost Sunday

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between Ascension Day and Pentecost, in preparation for the Day of
Pentecost. It is suggested that you use the texts as a Lectio Divina
(instructions on page 22).

Ascension Day: Revelation 5

Day 1: Galatians 5.13-end

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 2

Day 3: Luke 4.14-21

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 3

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Day 6: Matthew 3.13-end

Day 7: Matthew 9.35-10.20

Day 8: Matthew 12.22-32

Day 9: Ephesians 6.10-20

Silent pause

The Magnificat

If you are able, please stand

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me
and Holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him,
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

The Prayers

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and who now lives in the glory
of the Father, let us raise the voice of praise.

Lord Jesus, you are the Amen, the faithful witness, the first of
God's creation: [R]

You search into the thoughts and affections of all people: [R]

You reprove and chasten those whom you love: [R]

You open up the eyes of the blind and set the prisoners free: [R]

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

The Prayers

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.
And kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and
fellow-heirs with Christ.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts
of your Spirit.

All: And kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty
of the children of God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in
us the fire of your love.

That our friends, family and neighbours who do not know you
may come to experience you as their Lord and Saviour: [R]

That our parish initiatives in intercessory prayer, mission and
evangelism may be effective in expanding your Kingdom: [R]

Free prayer may be offered and responses made

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the
dead, to the mercy and protection of God this day: [R]

Suggested Taizé chant

Repeat in Taizé harmony parts if known

All: Bless the Lord my Soul,
and bless God's Holy name.
Bless the Lord my Soul,
who leads me into life.

All: 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.

Lectionary psalm

Pentecost Sunday: Psalm 145.

Silent pause

The New or Old Testament reading

Pentecost Sunday: Ezekiel 37.1-14.

It is suggested that you use the texts as a Lectio Divina (see page 22).

Silent pause

The Benedictus

If you are able, please stand

All: Blessèd be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember God's holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

You desire that our friends, family and neighbours who do
not know you may come to experience you as their Lord
and Saviour: [R]

You inspire our parish initiatives of intercessory prayer, mission
and evangelism to be effective in expanding your Kingdom: [R]

Free prayer may be offered and responses made

In your paschal victory, you have proclaimed the coming of
the Kingdom: [R]

The Collect for Ascensiontide

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Optional additional Collect prayers

The Lord's Prayer

All: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.
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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm,
and may God lead us to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Candle is extinguished

Morning prayer on Pentecost Sunday

The Welcome

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The Preparation and Invocation

Silent pause as candle is lit

O Lord, open our lips.

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Alleluia! The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

All: O come let us worship. Alleluia!

Blessèd are you, Lord God of our creation.

To you be glory and praise for ever!

Your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
to bring light and life to your creation.

Pour out your Spirit on us this day,

that we may walk as children of light,

and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessèd be God for ever.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us pray
with one heart and mind.

Short pause

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light
of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.