

April 4th Daily Prayer

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (*1 John 3:16*)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come before him with joyful songs;
Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen. (*from Psalm 100*)

You, O Lord, are our Father:
Do not remember our sins for ever.
We are your people:
Look upon us we pray, and forgive us;
Through Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

Hear God's tender words of comfort for his people:
Your struggles are ended, your sin is paid for. God will show you his glory, and you will receive the grace of forgiveness at his hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen (*from Isaiah 40*).

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is 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 acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We pray together

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.

Pray for those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time ...
In the preaching of the word and in our worship, may your church draw your people close to you.
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.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Lord, we pray for our troubled world, and for all who work to support other people...
May your heavenly light shine upon them, and give them strength.

We pray for the church throughout the world,
For brothers and sisters known to us, and those who are far away.
May your heavenly light shine upon them, and give them strength.

We pray for those who are sick, in body, mind or spirit
And all those who care for them.
May your heavenly light shine upon them, and give them strength.

We pray for those who are bereaved, that you will comfort and strengthen them
In their dark days.
May your heavenly light shine upon them, and give them strength.

Blessing and honour,
Thanksgiving and praise,
More than we can conceive,
Be to your glorious name, O God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
By all angels, all people, all creation,
For ever and ever. Amen