

Prayer on a Page

4th Sunday after Trinity

5th July 2020

¶ Preparation

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

[Full hymn on page 2 and website]

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

John Newton

Collect

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your
mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things
temporal that we lose not our hold on
things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Romans 7.15-25a

Psalm 145.8-15

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Time for Reflection

Acclamation

O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name
ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us:
as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted:
let me never be confounded.

¶ Prayers

Penitence

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from
judgement; bind up our wounds and
revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercession

Jesus, you live to intercede for us.
Saviour of the world,
be present in all places of suffering,
violence and pain, and bring hope even
in the darkest night ...
Inspire us to continue your work of
reconciliation today.

Living Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Lord of the Church,
empower by your Spirit all Christian
people and the work of your Church in
every land ...
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel
joyfully in word and deed.

Living Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,
guide and enable all who lead and
serve our communities and those on
whom we depend for our daily needs ...
Grant that we may seek the peace and
welfare of our place.

Living Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Great Physician,
stretch out your hand to bring comfort,
wholeness and peace to all who suffer
in body, mind, or spirit ...
Fill us with compassion, that we may be
channels of your healing love.

Living Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Conqueror of death,
remember for good those whom we
love but see no longer ...
Help us to live this day in the sure and
certain hope of your eternal victory.

Living Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

¶ Conclusion

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 `Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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