

CHRIST at WORK

Tuesday 16th June

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Bishop of Chichester
AD 1253

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Bishop of Durham, Philosopher
AD 1752

You may read this straight through ;
you may wish to pause or repeat
certain parts ; it may vary from day-to-
day. Please allow it to lead you and
work with you, so make it your own.

Preparation

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

Praise

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all
that is within me bless his holy
name. ...
Who redeems your life from the
Pit and crowns you with faithful
love and compassion.

Who satisfies you with good
things, so that your youth is
renewed like an eagle's.

Psalm 103: 1, 4 - 5

Prayer

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.

Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 51 : 1 - 9

Have mercy on me, O God, in
your great goodness ;
according to the abundance of
your compassion blot out my
offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my
wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your
sight,

So that you are justified in your
sentence
and righteous in your judgement.

I have been wicked even from my
birth,
a sinner when my mother
conceived me.

Behold, you desire truth deep
within me
and shall make me understand
wisdom in the depths of my
heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall
be clean ;
wash me and I shall be whiter
than snow.

Make me hear of joy and
gladness,
that the bones you have broken
may rejoice.

**Take away, good Lord, the sin that
corrupts us ;
give us the sorrow that heals
and the joy that praises
and restore by grace
your own image within us,
that we may take our place
among your people ;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 5 : 43 - end

Jesus said - 'You have heard that it
was said, "You shall love your
neighbour and hate your enemy."
⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your
enemies and pray for those who
persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may
be children of your Father in
heaven ; for he makes his sun rise
on the evil and on the good, and
sends rain on the righteous and on
the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love
those who love you, what reward
do you have ? Do not even the
tax-collectors do the same ? ⁴⁷And
if you greet only your brothers and
sisters, what more are you doing
than others ? Do not even the
Gentiles do the same ? ⁴⁸Be
perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.'

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Response

*Take a little time to reflect on the
reading, and on whatever it brings to
you today.*

Wash me thoroughly
from my wickedness
and cleanse me
from my sin.

Prayer

Bring yourself, your day to God.

Bring those upon your heart to God :
people, or places, or situations.

*You may wish to include some from
these concerns :*

- *The tasks of the day ;*
 - *Family, friends, those in our heart
and mind ;*
 - *Colleagues and neighbours, those
among whom or for whom we
work ;*
 - *Those who are sick ;*
 - *All who suffer abuse or violence ;*
 - *For Ukraine & Russia ; Israel, Gaza,
Iran, USA ; Sudan ; _ : - for
people, and for peace ;*
 - *All who struggle with poverty ;*
 - *The people and place, and Church
and visitors of Chichester and
Durham ;*
 - *Peace ;*
- *IF YOU wish to share particular
requests for prayer with Matthew
(or through him with others who
receive 'CHRIST at WORK') please
EMAIL Matthew on
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Collect Prayer

Most merciful redeemer,
who gave to your bishop Richard
a love of learning,
a zeal for souls
and a devotion to the poor :
grant that, encouraged by
his example,
we may know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day,
who with the Father and
the Holy Spirit
are alive and reign,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The LORD's Prayer

Either :-

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.

Or :-

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

The Lord bless us
and preserve us from all evil
and keep us in eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

