

CHRIST at WORK

Wednesday 27th May

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

O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world !
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them ;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out ?

Psalm 8: 1, 4 - 5, 10

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 147 : 13 - end

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem ;
praise your God, O Zion ;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blest your children within you.

He has established peace in your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends forth his command to the earth
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread ;
who can endure his frost ?

He sends forth his word and melts them ;
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

He has not dealt so with any other nation ;
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

**Compassionate God,
as you know each
star you have created,
so you know the
secrets of every heart ;
in your loving mercy
bring to your table
all who are fearful and broken,
all who are wounded and needy,
that our hungers may be satisfied
in the city of your peace ;
through Christ who is our peace.
Amen.**

Scripture

Mark 10 : 32 - 45

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them ; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death ; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles ; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him ; and after three days he will rise again.' ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you ?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with ?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink ; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised ; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you ; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Response

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

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 ;*
- *All who suffer abuse or violence ;*
- *For Ukraine & Russia ; Israel, Gaza, Iran, USA ; Sudan ; _ : - for people, and for peace ;*
- *All who are housebound ;*
- *All who work in farming and agriculture ;*
- *Those taking holiday ;*
- *All who work in care, and home-care, services ;*
- *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 christ.work01@gmail.com*

Collect Prayer

O Lord,
from whom all good things come :
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things
that are good,
and by your merciful guiding
may perform the same ;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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.

