

## Prayer Service, Wednesday, 20 May 2020

*Rogation Day, Commemoration for Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804*

<https://forallsaints.wordpress.com/2013/05/20/alcuin-deacon-and-abbot-of-tours-804-2/>

*Under his direction and influence, schools were revived and established in cathedrals and monasteries, and Christian manuscripts were collated and copied*

### The Summons

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;  
**today I am glorified with him.**  
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;  
**today I am sharing in his resurrection.**  
Yesterday I was buried with him;  
**today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.**

### Hymn 564, Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation

<https://binged.it/2TmY6vX>

*Westminster Abbey Commonwealth Service 21 March 2020, last service before Lockdown*

### Psalm 148:1-2;12-13a,14

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights above.**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his heavenly hosts,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

<sup>12</sup> young men and women,  
**old men and children.**

<sup>13a</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
**for his name alone is exalted;**

<sup>14</sup> And he has raised up for his people a horn,<sup>[b]</sup>  
**the praise of all his faithful servants,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

**Praise the LORD.**

### Colossians 3:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and

admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

### **Meditation**

*A time to be thankful. Sit back. Just stop. Be thankful. You are here today. You are blessed with life. Not just physical life. Your soul is allowed to soar beyond physical limits. You are together in Christ. He is here right beside you. Wow! A time to say thank you.*

### **John 4:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup>“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

### **Hymn 1123, We bow down and confess**

<https://binged.it/2Ziagdn>

### **Meditation**

*You are all I need. It's your face I seek. In the presence of your love. We bow down. We bow down. Breathe deep. There is nothing you have to do now. Just be. Rest in this space while you listen to the words of this hymn. Play it again and let all anxiety wash away. Only this moment is important and it won't be taken from you.*

### **Prayer**

*To commemorate the last day of Rogation, we pray blessings upon the land. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

Father, God, we pray for a great revival and healing upon this land, your land and your people. We pray for abundant blessings upon our farmers, upon their new lambs and sheep, upon the fields and crops in every stage of growth. Fulfil your promises in these new shoots and crops and bless the land and all people who live in this land with your love and peace and joy. Let this abundance bring forth great gratitude, poured out and shared with all citizens on this planet. Thank you heavenly Father for the blessings of your land, of all who work the land and all who share your land on this planet. Pour your Spirit on your people, on the land and wake us up Father God. The world is crying out for you. We are your people, you are our God.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Collect**

God of wisdom, eternal light,  
who shone in the heart of your servant Alcuin,  
revealing to him your power and pity:  
scatter the darkness of our ignorance  
that, with all our heart and mind and strength,  
we may seek your face

and be brought with all your saints  
to your holy presence;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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**

### **Hymn, Lord of the Dance**

<https://binged.it/36hP5tl>

### **The Affirmation** (*from Passion for the Possible, Daniel J O'Leary*)

**I unleash God's spiritual force within me. I am unfettered and unbound. There are no real limitations in my life, no false condition has any power over me. I am free in the Spirit of Christ within me and by this spirit I will live my life.**

### **Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ Amen**