

Prayer Service, Wednesday, 6 May 2020

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 506, O Lord my God!

<https://binged.it/35CMABF>

Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

John 12:44-46

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵ The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

The Lost Words Blessing

<https://youtu.be/Hg1xFYpXuWA>

Prayer time and meditation

Father God we ask for the light of Christ so that we can speak the things you see.

Walk through the world with care my love and say the things you see, let new things take a root and thrive and grow.

Father God, we pray your blessing on all creation. *Can we name and proclaim it all? Can we give thanks as we bless? This will be a totally uplifting experience.*

We pray your blessing on the front line warriors in this battle with covid-19. *Can we name them all to proclaim blessing now?*

Father God we pray your blessing on governments and nations and all in authority. *Can we name them all now?*

Father God we pray for this nation and for this virus to be halted in its tracks. Locked down. Rendered useless. Bless this place and your people in this land. *Can we name all those we know and love now?*

A time to ask and proclaim blessing on anything else weighing on our hearts

Collect

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn, In God Alone taizé

<https://binged.it/3dnig04>

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