

Service of Daily Prayer - Morning

April 2021

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Invocation

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

Amen.

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise,

and with Your glory all the day.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

April 1 (Holy Thursday)

Exodus 24:3-11

Psalms 116:12-19

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Mark 14:12-26

April 2 (Good Friday)

Psalms 51

Mark 15:1-47

April 4 (Easter)

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 16

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 11

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 148

1 John 1:1--2:2

John 20:19-31

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Acts 3:11-21

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

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Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Prayer During an Epidemic

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy, put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all who mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection; for faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and the oppressed; for those struggling with sin

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts

Prayers For Others and Ourselves

Concluding Prayers:

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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Mark Reading Guides

Reading Mark in a Month

	Day	Text		Day	Text		Day	Text
	1	Mark 1:1-20		11	Mark 6:1-29		21	Mark 11:1-19
	2	Mark 1:21-45		12	Mark 6:30-56		22	Mark 11:20-33
	3	Mark 2:1-17		13	Mark 7:1-22		23	Mark 12:1-27
	4	Mark 2:18-27		14	Mark 7:23-37		24	Mark 12:28-44
	5	Mark 3:1-12		15	Mark 8:1-21		25	Mark 13:1-37
	6	Mark 3:13-34		16	Mark 8:22-38		26	Mark 14:1-42
	7	Mark 4:1-20		17	Mark 9:1-29		27	Mark 14:43-72
	8	Mark 4:21-41		18	Mark 9:30-50		28	Mark 15:1-20
	9	Mark 5:1-20		19	Mark 10:1-31		29	Mark 15:21-47
	10	Mark 5:21-43		20	Mark 10:32-52		30	Mark 16:1-20

Reading Mark in Two Weeks

Day	Text
1	Mark 1-2
2	Mark 3
3	Mark 4
4	Mark 5
5	Mark 6
6	Mark 7
7	Mark 8
8	Mark 9-10
9	Mark 11
10	Mark 12
11	Mark 13
12	Mark 14
13	Mark 15
14	Mark 16