¶ Prayer During the Day in Passiontide

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.
My trust is in you, O Lord.
All I have said, 'You are my God.'

Psalm 31.14

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

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. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection: for by virtue of the cross joy has come to the whole world.

from the Liturgy of Good Friday

The Word of God

Psalmody

On Good Friday and any day (or)	Psalm 22.1-11
Sunday	Psalm 27.1-8
Monday	Psalm 43
Tuesday	Psalm 142
Wednesday	Psalm 143
Thursday	Psalm 23
Friday	Psalm 69.1-13
Saturday	Psalm 130

When Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, one of the monthly, fortnightly or weekly cycles may be followed here.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Short readings

Sunday

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Hebrews 2.10-12

Monday

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Mark 8.31-35

Tuesday

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53.4-6

Wednesday

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

I Corinthians 1.18,22-25

Thursday

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

I Peter 2.24,25

Friday

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5.6-8

Saturday

Jesus answered Andrew and Philip, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

John 12.23-26

Or, on any day in Passiontide

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.

Galatians 2.19b,20a

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns

- ¶ The persecuted Church
- ¶ The oppressed peoples of the world
- ¶ All who are lonely
- \P All who are near to death
- ¶ All who are facing loss
- A form of prayer can be found here.

The Collect of the day (here) or the following prayer is said Soul of Christ, sanctify me, body of Christ, save me, blood of Christ, inebriate me, water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me: hide me within your wounds and never let me be separated from you. From the wicked enemy defend me, in the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, so that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Anima Christi (14th century)

The Lord's Prayer is said (here).

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.

All Amen.