

## **Morning Prayer in Passiontide**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief  
your only Son was lifted up  
that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk this day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

**Which was brought upon me, which the Lord  
inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.**

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.  
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the  
wormwood and the gall!

**But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies  
never come to an end; They are new every  
morning; great is your faithfulness.

**'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I  
will hope in him.'**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul  
that seeks him.

**It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

For the Lord will not reject for ever; though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

**According to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.**

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.**

### **The Word of God**

***The appointed psalm(s) is said ending with***

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

***The Scripture appointed for the day is read.***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the  
strong.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the  
wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## ***Gospel Canticle***

**The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down, you set your  
people free: we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your  
disciples: we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our  
chains,  
forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty  
deliverer;  
save and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory: make us to be one  
with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

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

**The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Intercessions are offered  
for the day and its tasks  
for the world and its needs  
for the Church and her life*

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name...**

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**