

40 Hours Devotion before the Blessed Sacrament

The Forty Hours Devotion invites us to watch before the Lord, and in this extended period of adoration to offer in his presence our prayer for the Church and its mission.

In these hours of prayer we more intently implore Jesus 'Thy Kingdom come' –come in our hearts and lives, come in our Church and her life, and come in the society and land we are sent out to serve.

The forty hours devotion begins with the celebration of the Eucharist, at the conclusion of which the Host is placed in a monstrance and set upon the altar for adoration. Having recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread in the Mass, we recognise again his presence in the bread which is his body. It concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as we are blessed with that on which we have already been fed; Jesus, the bread of life.

¶ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass (which could use the propers provided for the Mission of the Church) is celebrated as usual. At the end of Communion the deacon (or a concelebrant or celebrant) goes to the altar, places the Host in the monstrance, sets the monstrance in place and genuflects.

At the chair the celebrant says the Prayer after Communion, then moves before the altar where incense is prepared and the Blessed Sacrament is censed.

The following hymn is sung:

O Saving Victim, opening wide

The gate of heaven to man below.
Our foes press hard on every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend,
For evermore blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24.44-53

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Acclamation

Let us praise Christ our King,
by whose cross we have citizenship in heaven, saying:

Your Kingdom come, O Lord.

Lord, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

You witness to your truth in the lives of your saints:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

You made us to be a kingdom and priests serving our God:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

You have shared our burdens,
revealing the holiness of our life and work:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

You stir us to seek the mysteries of the kingdom:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

You lead us to the eternal assembly of the saints:

All **Your Kingdom come, O Lord.**

The celebrant (and concelebrants) keep a period of silent adoration, then rise, genuflect and return to the sacristy and the watch before the Blessed Sacrament begins.

¶ Devotions for use during the period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During the 40 Hours the following devotions, based on the themes of 'Thy Kingdom Come' may be used at intervals.

I. Growth in Trust

Hymn

In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear.
And safe in such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back.
My shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim;
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen.
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Waring (1823-1910)

Scripture Reading

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord,

call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12

Meditation

Grant us, O Lord God, the grace to trust in you alone;
to set our roots deep into you,
so that may not be disturbed by any demands of this present moment
or become over-anxious about what our future may hold.
You have taught us that in quietness and trust shall we find our strength.
So grant that quietly we may trust, quietly obey and quietly love;
that our lives may bear witness to you,
and so draw others to the warmth of your life-giving Spirit.

Intercession

O God our Father, help us to a deeper trust in the life everlasting.
May we feel that this love which is now, ever shall be;
this robe of the flesh is thy gift to thy child,
and, when it is worn out, thou wilt clothe him again;
this work of life is the work thou hast given us to do,
and, when it is done, thou wilt give us more;
this love, that makes all our life so glad, flows from thee,
for thou art Love, and we shall love forever.
Help us to feel how, day by day, we see some dim shadow of the eternal day that will
break upon us at the last. May the Gospel of thy Son, the whisper of thy Spirit, unite to
make our faith in the life to come, strong and clear; then shall we be glad when thou
shalt call us, and enter into thy glory in Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Our Father...

Hymn

Earth's fragile beauties we possess
as pilgrim gifts from God,
and walk the slow and dangerous way
his wounded feet have trod.
Though faith by tragedy is rocked,
and love with pain is scored,
we sing the pilgrims' song of hope:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord!'

Earth's human longings we possess
by grief or love compelled
to take and bear the heavy cross
Christ's wounded hands have held.
By cloud and fire he leads us on
through famine, plague or sword,
singing with faith the pilgrims' song:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord!'

God's own true image we possess
in innocence first known,
now tainted by the hate and spite
to Christ's own body shown.
By that same wounded heart of love
God's image is restored,
to sing again the pilgrims' song:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord!'

Robert Willis b.1947

Litany

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Govern and uphold them now and always.
Your kingdom come

All **your will be done.**

Day by day, we bless you.
We praise your name for ever.
Your kingdom come

All **your will be done.**

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Your kingdom come

All **your will be done.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy,
for we put our trust in you.
Your kingdom come

All **your will be done.**

In you, Lord, is our hope:
let us not be confounded at the last.
Your kingdom come

All **your will be done.**

II. The Renewal of the Church

Adoration

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Hymn

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord,
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride,
With His own blood he bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Samuel Stone (1839-1900)

Scripture Reading

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2.28-32

Meditation

Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega:
all times are yours, and all places, and you make all things new in your Kingdom.
So pour your Spirit on us afresh and renew the life of your Church:

Give us new ambition
that all that we are may be for your glory.
Give us a new vision of your glory
that inspires us to holiness.
Give us new intent to listen to your word and your will,
eagerness to accept it and fervour to obey it.
Give us a new union with the Holy Spirit,
that he may pray in us and transform our lives.

O glorious Saviour, risen from the dead, and restoring all things,
renew your Church,
that we may go out with confidence as your new creation
—that the world may believe.

Intercession

For a clearer vision of the work you have set before us and a better understanding of your gospel,

All **Lord, direct us.**

For a deeper commitment in your service and a greater love for all your children,

All **Lord, direct us.**

For a fresh understanding of the task before us and for a sense of urgency in our proclamation,

All **Lord, direct us.**

For a greater respect and acceptance among Christians of different traditions and for a common goal in evangelism,

All **Lord, direct us.**

Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people,
and grant us: a new vision for your glory
a new faithfulness to your word,
a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your Kingdom come.

Our Father...

III. The Unity of Christians

Adoration

We adore You, Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father, send us the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised us. He will guide us to unity. He is the One who gives the charisms, who works variety in the Church, and it is He who brings about unity. Send us the Holy Spirit, that He may teach us all that Jesus taught us and that He may give us the memory of what Jesus said. Jesus, Lord, You asked for us all the grace of unity in this Church which is yours, not ours. History has divided us. Jesus, help us to go on the path of unity or of reconciled diversity. Lord, You always do what you promise, give us the unity of all Christians.

Pope Francis

Saint Peter's Square, Friday, 3 July 2015

Hymn

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

William Turton (1856-1938)

Scripture Reading

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one

another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4.1-6

Meditation

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts.
Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.
O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely,
we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you,
and we love you with our whole being,
because our being is your being,
our spirit is rooted in your Spirit.
Fill us then with love,
and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways,
united in this one Spirit which makes you present in the world,
and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.
Love has overcome.
Love is victorious.

Thomas Merton 1915-1968

Intercessions

In faith let us pray to God our Father,
his Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.

For the Church of God throughout the world,
let us invoke the Spirit.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may establish and defend justice and peace,
let us pray for the wisdom of God.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

For those who suffer oppression or violence,
let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

That the churches may discover again their visible unity

in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,
let us pray for the love of Christ.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

That there may be one bread and One Body,
let us pray for the strength of Christ.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Our Father...

IV. The Renewal of Society

Adoration

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Hymn

Christ is the world's true Light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar shining bright
To every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes
Where'er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

G.W. Briggs 1875-1959

Scripture Reading

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Luke 4

Meditation

O God, who art the unsearchable abyss of peace,
the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings
and the bestower of affection,
who sendest peace to those that receive it;
Open to us this day the sea of thy love
and water us with the plenteous streams
from the riches of thy grace.
Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace,
enkindle in us the fire of thy love;
sow in us thy fear;
strengthen our weakness by thy power;
bind us closely to thee and to each other
in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity.

Syrian Clementine Liturgy

Intercessions

Lord God, we thank you for the life of this nation; for its joys, sorrows, trials, failures and triumphs. Above all we thank you for the hope we have in Christ that we shall find fulfilment in him.

Your Kingdom Come,

All **Your will be done.**

We thank you for the rich variety of our national life, for the cultural heritage we cherish and the possibilities for growth and flourishing. Inspire by your Holy Spirit those who in

our time speak where many listen and write what many read: that they may do their part in making the heart of the nation wise, its mind sound and its will righteous.

Your Kingdom Come,
All **Your will be done.**

We thank you for those who commit their lives for the service of others. For Elizabeth our Queen and for those set in authority in this land, for all engaged in politics –both nationally and globally; give them vision to understand the issues of our time, courage to uphold justice and peace, and integrity in their words and motives; and may their service be for the good of all.

Your Kingdom Come,
All **Your will be done.**

We thank you for the dignity of human labour and for those who contribute to the economy of our nation; for industrialists and employers, and for all who work on land or sea. We pray that they may be honest in their dealings and seek the welfare of all.

Your Kingdom Come,
All **Your will be done.**

We thank you for the dignity of our human nature redeemed in Christ. Restore to the hearts of all people a sense of the greatness of human worth and human destiny: let there be an end to the trafficking of women and children, the exploitation of the vulnerable through cheap labour, and the dismissal of others through bigotry or prejudice: convert and heal the hearts of all who use or profit from the degradation of others.

Your Kingdom Come,
All **Your will be done.**

We thank you for the community of which we are a part, and for its places of education and leisure, commerce and recreation. We pray for its young people as they make decision about the course of their lives and for the elderly in the contributions they make; we pray for families and for those who live alone, and ask for the grace to build communities informed by compassion, kindness, patience, mutual forbearance, love and peace.

Your Kingdom Come,
All **Your will be done.**

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness
and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of all nations,

that justice may prevail throughout the world.
Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace
and let your glory be over all the earth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Our Father...

V. Conversion and Holiness

Adoration

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ before me, Christ beside me.
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their Pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866)

Scripture Reading

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8.28-30

Meditation

Old things are passed away:
all things are become new.
God hath broken down the bars of the gates;
there's no prison more, no fetters, no barriers.
One thing I know; whereas I was shut in, now I am free:
And another; whereas I was blind, now I see.
I know that I have passed from death unto life.

Whichever way I look,
it is love that filleth all things,
the love of God, God who is love.
I am astonished, I am free, I sing for joy.
I know that I have passed from death unto life.

No more am I enclosed in myself;
no more feed on the imaginations of pride
nor brood on the slights to it:
gone are self-conscious terrors and timidities,
gone the aimless and petty judgements.
I know that I have passed from death unto life.

Mine, suddenly, is fellowship with all men;
mine, wonderfully, fellowship with God,
who speaks, quickens, reveals, transforms;
mine the company of the redeemed in Christ,
who cry to their new-born brethren-
"Now are ye light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light.
Arise, shine! thy night is passed;
the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee,
God is thy glory, thy life, thine all."

'Conversion' Eric Milner White 1884-1963

Intercessions

Let us turn to the risen Lord,
who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying:
renew us in your love.

O Word of life,
one God with the Father and the Spirit:

All renew us in your love.

O eternal Light,
who through the working of the Holy Spirit
received from the Virgin our human nature:

All **renew us in your love.**

O crucified Redeemer,
by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us:

All **renew us in your love.**

You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love,
that sinners might come to know the mercy of God:

All **renew us in your love.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit:

All **renew us in your love.**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit
you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism
and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father:

All **renew us in your love.**

Common Worship: Daily Prayer

Our Father...

VI. Reconciliation and healing

Adoration

Almighty Lord God, your glory cannot be approached, your compassion knows no bounds, and your love for humankind is beyond expression; in your mercy look on us and all your people: do not leave us to our sins but deal with us according to your goodness. Guide us to the haven of your will and make us obedient to your commandments.

For you, O God, are good and ever-loving, and we glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, to the ages of ages.

from the Orthodox Liturgy

Hymn

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed;
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name;
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,

Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee:
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Scripture Reading

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' —he said to the paralytic— 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

Mark 2

Meditation

The person who asks forgiveness is a person who has renounced the privilege of being right or safe; he has acknowledged that he is hungry for healing, for the bread of acceptance and restoration to relationship. But equally the person who forgives has renounced the safety of being locked into the position of the offended victim; he has decided to take the risk of creating afresh a relationship known to be dangerous, known to be capable of causing hurt. Both the giver and the receiver of forgiveness have moved out of the safety zone; they have begun to ask how to receive their humanity as a gift.

Rowan Williams, Stuttgart, 2010

Intercessions

God calls us to reconciliation and hope, and offers us the gift of his Son to bring us healing and forgiveness. Let us pray to him for the healing and restoration of nations and people:

Eternal God, your Son is King and Head of the Church.
We pray for your people across the world,
that what is divided by doctrine or race,
by class or creed,
may be united in your name.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
your Son is Ruler of nations.
We pray for those in authority,
that those who lead us may work for peace and reconciliation,
and that by your wisdom and their vision
the world may reflect your kingdom.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
your Son is the Prince of peace.
We pray for a peaceful world,
where children grow up without fear,
and security rests on trust rather than threats,
and where nations fight against poverty
rather than against each other.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
your Son is the healer of our sickness.
We pray for those who are ill
or who are passing through times of testing,
that they may know the power of Christ to sustain them.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
your Son is the Resurrection and the Life.
Confirm our faith in the communion of saints,
that, inspired by all who have gone before us in faith,
we may seek the things which are above,
where Christ reigns,
and live on earth the life of heaven.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Our Father...

VII. Empowerment for evangelisation

Adoration

Come, Lord, work upon us, set us on fire and clasp us close,
be fragrant to us, draw us to thy love, let us run to thee.

St Augustine, 354-430

Hymn

'The kingdom is upon you!'
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of purpose for mankind.

'God's kingdom is upon you!'
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith's road before us,
and trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!
stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis (b. 1947)

Scripture Reading

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and

Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Acts 1

Meditation

Heaven opens to you, Lord Jesus Christ, as you return to the Father,
your triumph gained, your victory won.
Our humanity there ascends with you,
and as the cloud veils you from our sight
we ourselves become your cloud of witnesses
and nothing can part us from your presence.
So fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the fragrance of the gospel may spread to all nations.
Use us to speak the truth about you,
give us confidence and courage to be your people in name and in deed,
that in our lives and by our prayers your kingdom may come.

Intercessions

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That all who are estranged and without hope
may be brought near in the blood of Christ,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be one in serving
and proclaiming the gospel,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may welcome and support
all whom God calls to faith,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety
while your word accomplishes its purpose,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That all who suffer for the gospel
may know the comfort and glory of Christ,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray:

All **Your kingdom come.**

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Our Father...

VIII. The Victory of the Holy Cross

Adoration

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

Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride;
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, God is love:
he bears our sins upon the tree:
he brings us mercy from above.

The cross: it takes our guilt away,
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light.

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

Scripture Reading

For 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 it is written,
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the

world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 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.

1 Corinthians 1

Meditation

Thou art welcome, Holy Cross of our God!
Thou bringest light:
thou shewest the wisdom of God and the power of God.

Thou bringest love;
for so God loved the world
that he gave his only-begotten Son
to bear thee and to be borne by thee.

Thou bringest life,
on whom the Saviour is lifted up to die
and to draw all men unto him.

Thou bringest freedom and forgiveness,
through the nails which held thy Lord to thee,
through the precious Blood
which angels gathered and mortals drink.

Thou hast set a throne on the soil of our earth
whereon men can see the heart of God,
and bow and adore.

Lord Jesus, let me not fear nor hesitate to take from thy hands the disciples cross;
and carry it, whatsoever its weight or pain,
with all the sons of faith.

Let me follow the Master's way and the Master's will,
to thy goal, thy glory.

'Ave Crux' Eric Milner White 1884-1963

Intercessions

Let us come to him who died that we might live
and who intercedes for ever before the Father, saying:
we praise you, Lamb of God.

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross
that we might learn to give our lives for the
sake of love:

All we praise you, Lamb of God.

Innocent captive,
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:
All **we praise you, Lamb of God.**

In the hour of death
you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:
All **we praise you, Lamb of God.**

Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:
All **we praise you, Lamb of God.**

Lord, you loved the Church
and gave up your own self for her:
All **we praise you, Lamb of God.**

Through your blood
you have brought to all people the crown of life:
All **we praise you, Lamb of God.**

**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:
Within thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto thee
That with thy saints I may praise thee
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Our Father...

IX. For a new outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Adoration

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one.

Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou hast loved
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835 - 1889)

Scripture Reading

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various

kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12

Meditation

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine.

Come, Father of the poor,
Come, source of all our store.
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of all comforters best;
You the soul's most welcome guest.
Sweet refreshment here below.

In our labour, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most Blessed Light Divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill.

Where you are not, we have naught.
Nothing good in deed or thought
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will.
Melt the frozen, warm the chill.
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore.
And confess you, evermore.
In your sevenfold gift descend.

Give us virtue's sure reward.
Give us your salvation, Lord.
Give us joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.

Pentecost Sequence

Intercession

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
Draw us closer together in worship and service,
that the unity of your people may draw others to you.

Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All **Jesus Christ, send us the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, pouring upon us your gifts from on high.
Pray for us here, that we may be receptive to the gifts you offer us,
and ready to use them to your glory.

Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All **Jesus Christ, send us the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. Pray for those who are
victims of violence and cruelty because of the hope they have in you.

Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All **Jesus Christ, send us the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow.
Give courage and hope to all we know to be in need ...

Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All **Jesus Christ, send us the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection,
receive into your kingdom those who have died trusting your promises.

Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All **Jesus Christ, send us the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of your peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Our Father ...

¶ **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

The Forty Hours Devotion ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The officiant kneels before the Blessed Sacrament, which is honoured with incense as the congregation sings:

Therefore we before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing
Who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

After the Collect, Benediction is given.

As the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle one of the following hymn is sung:

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis!

OR

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

OR

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!