

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER 4: SUNDAY 03 MAY

PLUS: EVENING ZOOM MEET UP 7.30PM 03 MAY  
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## GATHERING

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:  
And remind us of your great mercy.

Holy Spirit, come to us:  
And bring us to new birth.

Father, receive our prayers:  
And fill us with living hope.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## COLLECT for Easter 4

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## PSALM 23 from the King James Bible

<sup>1</sup> The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **BIBLE READING** Acts 2.42-47

*<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

**SERMON** Rev Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

Questions:

1. What do you think are the important qualities of the Christian community described in Acts 2?
2. How well do they represent the community of St Barnabas, Clapham Common?
3. Has our present way of 'doing church' changed your answer? If so, then how?

## **INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER**

*These intercessions are from the Catholic Health Association of the USA*

For all in direct patient care;  
give them strength for their service  
and strength to ask for help when they are in need.  
**God, protect them.**

For all the sick;  
bring them to full health  
and restore them to those who love them.  
**God, protect them.**

For all those isolated in their homes;  
sustain them in joy and peace.  
**God, protect them.**

For all those who have died  
and those who grieve their loss in isolation;  
comfort them in their sorrow.  
**God, protect them.**

For decision-makers at all levels;  
send them your wisdom and good counsel  
to serve their communities.  
**God, protect them.**

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,  
world without end. Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.