

Midday Prayers from Commonprayer.net

Commemoration of Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith

(Amended, including Psalm, Scripture, and Collect for the Day)

In the name of God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit. **Amen.**

God is with you – **and also with you.**

Draw us into your love, Christ Jesus : **and deliver us from fear.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not

so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Glory to God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit,

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

Collect for the Day – *Common of Teachers of the Faith (from excitingholiness.org)*

Almighty God,

who enlightened your Church

by the teaching of your servant Brooke Foss Westcott:

enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace

and raise up faithful witnesses

who, by their life and teaching,

may proclaim the truth of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings (from <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/>)

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

**Glory to God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Short Reading for the Day

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11

Reflection

Our Father...

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our siblings throughout the world, who live and die in poverty and pain. Give them today, through our hands, their daily bread and through our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen

Blessed are the poor,
for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the hungry,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall be shown mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they are the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness and justice,
for great is their reward.

A time of open prayer

Come, Holy Spirit. We pray that your fruit would be in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

**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 your wounds hide me;
suffer me not to be separated from you;
from the malicious enemy, defend me;
in the hour of my death, call me,
and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you
forever and ever. Amen.**

Through our lives and by our prayers : may your kingdom come!

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