

Wednesday 8 July 2020: Evening Prayer

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Eternal Light,
shine into our hearts.
Eternal goodness,
deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power,
strengthen us.
Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity,
have mercy on us.
With our whole being we shall seek your face,
until we are brought to your holy Presence.

PREPARATION

All say

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, you were tested by the evil one.
Break in us the hold of power and pride.
You knew deep tears and weaknesses.
Help us to be vulnerable for you.
You followed to the end the Way of the Cross.
Help us to be faithful to you
to the end of our days.

PENITENCE

LAMENT

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

THE WORD OF GOD

A PSALM

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of | hosts! ♦
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh re|joice •in the | living | God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her | young: ♦
at your altars, O Lord of | hosts, my | King •and my | God.**

3. Blessed are they who | dwell in your | house: ♦
they will | always be | praising | you.

**4 Blessed are those whose | strength is in | you, ♦
in whose | heart •are the | highways to | Zion,**

5 Who going through the barren valley find | there a | spring, ♦
and the early | rains will | clothe it with | blessing.

**6. They will go from | strength to | strength ♦
and ap|pear before | God in | Zion.**

7 O Lord God of hosts, | hear my | prayer; ♦
listen, O | God | of | Jacob.

**8 Behold our de|fender, O | God, ♦
and look upon the | face of | your a|nointed.**

9. For one day | in your | courts ♦
is | better | than a | thousand.

**10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the | house of my | God ♦
than | dwell •in the | tents of un|godliness.**

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give | grace and | glory; ♦
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from | those who | walk •with in|tegrity.

**12 O Lord | God of | hosts, ♦
blessed are those who | put their | trust in | you.**

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

A CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon* Luke 2: 29-32 ELLC

*Refrain: Simeon held the child in his arms,
and beheld his salvation.*

**1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ♦
your | word has | been ful|filled.**

**2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation ♦
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.**

**3 A light to re|veal you · to the | nations ♦
and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
**as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.**

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and beheld his salvation.*

A READING

John 13: 1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

ADDRESS

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Virgin Mary* Luke 1: 46-55

*Refrain: How excellent is your name in all the world,
you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.*

**1 My soul proclaims the | greatness · of the | Lord, ♦
my spirit re|joices · in | God my | Saviour,
2 who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant; ♦
from this day all gene|rations · will | call me | blessèd;
3† the Almighty has done | great things | for me ♦
and | holy | is his | name.**

4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him, ♦
from gene|ration · to | gene|ration.
5 The Lord has shown | strength · with his | arm ♦
and scattered the | proud in | their con|ceit,
6 casting down the mighty | from their | thrones ♦
and | lifting | up the | lowly.
7 God has filled the hungry with | good | things ♦
and sent the | rich a|way | empty.
8 He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel ♦
to re|member · the | promise of | mercy,
9 The promise | made to · our | forebears, ♦
to Abraham | and his | children · for | ever.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

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you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Lord, teach us to understand that your Son died to save us,
not from suffering, but from ourselves;
not from injustice, but from being unjust.
He died that we might live as he did,
who died to himself.

INTERCESSIONS

**In union with witnesses and martyrs of Christ,
in communion with all who have died in the faith of Christ,
we commit ourselves to our living God.**

As we struggle to be faithful to you and to establish justice,
we bring to you those who are in chains
for standing up for truth and righteousness.

There is a pause for free prayer

We bring to you those who are persecuted or oppressed,
the homeless, the hungry
and those in grinding poverty.

There is a pause for free prayer

We bring to you those who are in pain
be it physical, mental or spiritual.

There is a pause for free prayer

**Lord Jesus, you were released from the pain of the cross,
in you may the suffering find release.**

We bring to you those who are locked into hatred.
Calm their hatred.
Fill their hearts and ours with generous love.

THANKSGIVINGS

Gracious God,
we thank you that you are always with us,
in the bad times as well as the good,
the difficult as well as the easy,
the sad as well as the happy.
Lord of all hopefulness,
hear our prayer.

We thank you that, though we have sometimes
been unsure of the way ahead,
you have always been there to guide us,
though we have felt discouraged,
you have offered us fresh inspiration,
though we have been in despair,
you have given us hope.
Lord of all hopefulness,
hear our prayer.

We thank you for the assurance this brings us
that your steadfast love never ceases,
that your mercies are new every morning,
that great is your faithfulness.
Lord of all hopefulness,
hear our prayer.

May that conviction give us confidence in the days ahead,
so that whatever problems we face,
whatever disappointments we experience,
whatever sorrows may befall us,
we will still find reason to look forward,
reason to believe in the future,
and reason to hope.
Lord of all hopefulness,
hear our prayer,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Let us commend ourselves,
and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God. Amen.**

God our creator,
yours is the morning and yours is the evening.
May Christ the sun of righteousness
shine forever in our hearts
and draw us to that light
where you live in radiant glory.
we ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven:

**hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE ENDING

HYMN

Thanks & Praise Hymn 61 *"I'll go in the strength of the Lord" (vs 1 and 2)*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
in paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
his fulness my wants shall supply;
on him, till my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith shall rely.

*I'll go (I'll go) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
I'll go (I'll go) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
to work he appoints me to do;
In joy which his smile doth afford
my soul shall her vigour renew.

His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
his power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
And prove his unchangeable love.

Edward Turney (1816-72)

DISMISSAL

Let us go with the sign of the cross of Christ:
the cross before us to keep us true,
the cross behind us to shield us from ill
the cross above us to lead us through. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.