

**WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER. EVENING
PRAYER.**

GREETING

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

And also with you.

PREPARATION

We meet in the name of God

**who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

PENITENCE

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think, and say;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Be with us, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing, and peace.

The Lord is here!

The Spirit is with us!

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING

St. Matthew 24:29-35

'Immediately after the suffering of those days

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from heaven,

and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,

and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they

will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of

heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send

out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will

gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of

heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch

becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that

summer is near. So also, when you see all these things,

you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell

you, this generation will not pass away until all these

things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass

away, but my words will not pass away.

ADDRESS

ANTHEM

Hear my prayer, O Lord: Purcell

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and let me crying come unto thee.

Psalms 102:1

PRAISE

Restore us, Lord God of hosts.

Turn the light of your face to us and save us.

Will you not give us life again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

PRAYERS

We pray to the Lord: in faith we pray.

We pray to you our God.

Silence is kept

That the rest of this day may be holy, peace full and full of your presence; in faith we pray.

We pray to you our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice; in faith we pray

We pray to you our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious; in faith we pray

We pray to you our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom; in faith we pray

We pray to you our God.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose will is the restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Heavenly Father, we share together the blessing of your presence.

Give us in this life knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.