

WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL. EVENING PRAYER.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PREPARATION

Creator of the world, eternal God,

We have come from many places for a little while.

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.

Spirit of unity, ever present God,

We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.

So here, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

In your name, Holy Trinity, pattern of community. Amen.

PENITENCE

The divisions brought about by human sin and pride are matters of great sorrow for us all. Therefore let us confess our sins, and ask for God's forgiveness and guidance

Silence is kept

God be merciful and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on earth, your saving power to all nations.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouths shall 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 READING

St. Mark 14:26-31

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

ADDRESS

HYMN

Before the ending of the day,
creator of the world, we pray
that thou with wonted love wouldst keep
thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
or phantoms of the night appear;
our ghostly enemy restrain,
lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
whom with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

PRAISE

God is light.

In God there is no darkness.

If we live in the light,

as God is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another

and the fellowship of Christ, who redeems us from sin.

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 son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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.