

Wednesday 3 November 2021: Evening Prayer

PREPARATION

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all,
and your mercy is over all creation.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name,
and speak of the glory of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENCE

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM

Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦
**according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦
**and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.**
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
- 14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, ♦
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

- 16 O Lord, open my lips ♦
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; ♦
you take no delight in burnt offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; ♦
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 O be favourable and gracious to Zion; ♦
build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,
the burnt offerings and oblations; ♦
then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.

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.**

A READING

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of the Virgin Mary

Luke 1: 46-55

**The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 **He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

**8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
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 beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

COLLECTS AT EVENING PRAYER

O God
from whom all holy desires all good judgements
and all just works proceed:
Give to your servants
that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, we pray
and in your great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit,
looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets
we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst,
we pray to you, O Lord.

That with the glorious company of the apostles
we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world,
we pray to you, O Lord.

That with the white-robed army of martyrs
we may be ready to suffer for the truth's sake,
we pray to you, O Lord.

That with all who are anointed by your Spirit
we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed,
we pray to you, O Lord.

That with the saints in light
we may bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn,
we pray to you, O Lord.

That within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people
we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory,
we pray to you, O Lord.

In communion with all the saints,
let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

OPEN PRAYER

A period of open prayer follows for those who are known to be in need

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING