

## Wednesday 25 May 2022: Evening Prayer

### Rogation Day

#### PREPARATION

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

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face'.  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Blessed are you, Lord of life.  
You make light and darkness,  
morning and evening, day and night,  
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.  
As evening falls and creatures move on the face of the earth  
may we take our rest,  
and awake refreshed to praise you,  
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

*Silence*

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

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 104: 1, 21-32

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.**
- 22 You make darkness that it may be night, ♦  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey ♦  
and seek their food from God.**
- 24 The sun rises and they are gone ♦  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

#### PREPARATION

#### PSALM

- 25 **People go forth to their work ♦  
and to their labour until the evening.**
- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 **There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦  
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 **All of these look to you ♦  
to give them their food in due season.**
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 **When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦  
and you renew the face of the earth.

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.  
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

### Romans 8: 18-22

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now.

## MEDITATION

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

**The day and the night are yours, O God,  
and the sun, the moon and the stars reflect your glory.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
**2 who has looked with favour on his lowly servant;  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;**  
3 the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

**4 God has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.**

5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**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 away empty.

**8 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember 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 beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The day and the night are yours, O God,  
and the sun, the moon and the stars reflect your glory.**

### **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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear fruit in due season:  
Bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your care;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

Let us ask the God of Creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.  
Let the earth be fruitful  
and its resources be hallowed.  
We ask in faith:  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.  
Prosper the work of our hands;  
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;  
free the exploited and oppressed.  
We ask in faith:  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.  
Guide us into a sustainable future,  
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.  
We ask in faith:  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.  
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,  
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.  
We ask in faith:

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.  
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;  
where war brings want, and children go hungry;  
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,  
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.  
We ask in faith:

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,  
For the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE ENDING

May God who made heaven and earth bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**