

# Evening Prayer

Sunday 22 March 2020

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Introductory Verse

O God, come to our aid.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

### Evening Hymn

*Grant To Us O Lord, a Heart Renewed.*

Antiphon:

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed,  
Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord.

1 Behold the days are coming says the Lord our God ...

2 Deep within their being I will implant my law ...

3 I will be their God

4 And for all their faults I will grant forgiveness ...

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(Link to the Evening Hymn) <https://youtu.be/OHin-fwbenE>

## PSALMODY

### First Psalm

Psalm 109 (110)

**The Messiah is king and priest**

*He must be king so that he may put all his enemies under his feet (1 Cor 15:25).*

*Antiphon:* God has appointed him to judge everyone, living or dead.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*Antiphon:* God has appointed him to judge everyone, living or dead.

## **Second Psalm**

Psalm 111 (112)

### **The happiness of a just man**

*Be like the children of the light; for the fruits of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth (Eph 5:8,9).*

*Antiphon:* Happy is the man to whom the Lord takes mercy: he will never waver.

Happy the man who fears the Lord,  
who takes delight in all his commands.  
His sons will be powerful on earth;  
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour.  
The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.  
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,  
grinds his teeth and fades away;  
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*Antiphon:* Happy is the man to whom the Lord takes mercy: he will never waver.

## NT Canticle

1 Peter 2:21-24

### Christ, the servant of God, freely accepts his passion

*Antiphon:* God fulfilled what he had foretold in the words of all the prophets: that Christ would suffer.

Christ suffered for you,  
leaving you an example  
that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin;  
no guile was found on his lips.  
When he was reviled,  
he did not revile in return.

When he suffered,  
he did not threaten;  
but he trusted to him  
who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

*Antiphon:* God fulfilled what he had foretold in the words of all the prophets: that Christ would suffer.

## WORD OF GOD

### Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

All the runners at the stadium are trying to win, but only one of them gets the prize. You must run in the same way, meaning to win. All the fighters at the games go into strict training; they do this just to win a wreath that will wither away, but we do it for a wreath that will never wither.

### Period of Silence and Responsory

Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

- *Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*

Listen, Christ, to the prayers of those who cry to you.

- *Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- *Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*

## PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

### Canticle of Virgin Mary

*Antiphon:* My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant.  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

**Glory** be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

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## **Intercessions**

We give thanks to Christ, our head and our master. Let us pray to him with trust and humility, for he served all men and was good to everyone.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

Lord, help the bishops and priests of your Church, who share in your office of head and pastor; unite them with yourself to lead all men to the Father.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

Send your angels to protect those who travel; keep them from harm and bring them safely home.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

Teach us to care for everyone; make us more like you in serving others.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

Help us to form a human community where all men live in friendship; Lord, unite us in your love.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

In this difficult and uncertain time give us courage; pour out your strength and consolation on those who are suffering because of the coronavirus outbreak.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

Show your love for the dead: let them see the light of your face.

*R. Lord Jesus, visit your family.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

As sons and daughters of a loving God, we pray in the confident words of his Son:

**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.**

### **Concluding Prayer**

Lord God, in your surpassing wisdom  
you reconcile man to yourself through your Word.  
Grant that your Christian people may come with eager faith and ready will  
to celebrate the Easter festival.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

#### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**