

¶ Evening Prayer on Friday

Friday, 11 June 2021

Barnabas the Apostle

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

Allo Lord, make haste to help us.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

a [prayer of thanksgiving \(page 110\)](#),

a suitable hymn,

or A Song of Entreaty

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; [□]

answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, [□]

for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 My spirit faints within me; [□]

my heart within me is desolate.

4 I stretch out my hands to you; [□]

my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

5 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; [□]

hide not your face from me

lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

6 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,

for in you I put my trust; [□]

show me the way I should walk in,

for I lift up my soul to you.

7 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; □

let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

8 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; □

for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Psalm 143.1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11

All 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.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 147

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, □

how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem □

and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds. R

4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground. R

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve our needs. R

10 He gives the beasts their food
and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their trust in his steadfast love. R

13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blest your children within you.

15 He has established peace in your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat. R

16 He sends forth his command to the earth
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool

and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread; □

who can endure his frost? R

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; □

he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, □

his statutes and judgements to Israel.

21 He has not dealt so with any other nation; □

they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,

as you know each star you have created,

so you know the secrets of every heart;

in your loving mercy bring to your table

all who are fearful and broken,

all who are wounded and needy,

that our hungers may be satisfied

in the city of your peace;

through Christ who is our peace.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Ecclesiastes 12.9-14

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

or [Tobit 4.5-11](#)

Canticle

The following, or another suitable canticle, may be said or sung

Refrain:

All Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.

1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh
and vindicated in the spirit.

2 He was seen by angels
and proclaimed among the nations.

3 Believed in throughout the world,
he was taken up in glory.

4 This will be made manifest at the proper time
by the blessed and only Sovereign,

5 Who alone has immortality,
and dwells in unapproachable light.

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 16

All To the King of kings and Lord of lords
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Acts 9.26-31

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Forsake me not, O Lord;

be not far from me, O my God.

All Forsake me not, O Lord;

be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me,

O Lord of my salvation.

All Be not far from me, O my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Forsake me not, O Lord;

be not far from me, O my God.

from Psalm 38

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All On the foundation stones of the heavenly city

are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

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.

3He has mercy on those who fear him,[□]
from generation to generation.

4He has shown strength with his arm[□]
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones[□]
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things[□]
and sent the rich away empty.

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,[□]
to remember his promise of mercy,

8The promise made to our ancestors,[□]
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

AllGlory 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.

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are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362–363](#)

¶ The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces

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Peace and justice in the world

¶ Those who work for reconciliation

¶ All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife

¶ Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

One of the forms of prayer found on [pages 362–371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,

who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas

and gave him grace to encourage others:

help us, by his example,

to be generous in our judgements

and unselfish in our service;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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 Conclusion

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

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

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