

¶ Evening Prayer on Monday

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

[The Blessing of Light \(page 110\)](#) may replace the Preparation at Evening Prayer on any occasion.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

A prayer of thanksgiving (page 110),

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

AllBlessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of God's Greatness

1Bless the Lord, O my soul. □

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2You are clothed with majesty and honour, □

wrapped in light as in a garment.

3The sun knows the time for its setting. □

You make darkness that it may be night.

4O Lord, how manifold are your works! □

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

5When you send forth your spirit, they are created, □

and you renew the face of the earth.

6May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; □

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

7I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; □

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.1, 2, 21b, 22a, 26, 32, 33, 35

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.

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 72

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

1 Give the king your judgements, O God,[□]
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2 Then shall he judge your people righteously[□]
and your poor with justice.

3 May the mountains bring forth peace,[□]
and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people,[□]
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. R

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,[□]
from one generation to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,[□]
like the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish,[□]
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. R

8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea[□]
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 May his foes kneel before him[□]
and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;[□]
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him;[□]
all nations shall do him service. R

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,[□]
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;[□]

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,[□]
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. R

15 Long may he live;
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;[□]
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
standing thick upon the hilltops;[□]
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon
and its grain grow like the grass of the field.

17 May his name remain for ever
and be established as long as the sun endures;[□]
may all nations be blest in him
and call him blessed. R

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,[□]
who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever.[□]
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour.

Psalm 75

Refrain: God alone is judge.

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,[□]
for your name is near, as your wonderful deeds declare.

2 'I will seize the appointed time;[□]
I, the Lord, will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth reels and all that dwell in her,[□]
it is I that hold her pillars steady.

4 To the boasters I say, "Boast no longer,"[□]
and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn.

5 "Do not lift up your horn on high;[□]
do not speak with a stiff neck." ' R

6 For neither from the east nor from the west,[□]
nor yet from the wilderness comes exaltation.

7 But God alone is judge;[□]
he puts down one and raises up another.

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup,[□]
well mixed and full of foaming wine.

9 He pours it out for all the wicked of the earth;[□]
they shall drink it, and drain the dregs. R

10 But I will rejoice for ever[□]
and make music to the God of Jacob.

11 All the horns of the wicked will I break,[□]
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Refrain: God alone is judge.

Judge of all the earth,
restrain the ambition of the proud
and establish among us the reign of the Messiah,
who drained for us the cup of judgement
and is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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.

1 Kings 21

Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. And Ahab said to Naboth, 'Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.' But Naboth said to Ahab, 'The Lord forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance.' Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, 'I will not give you my ancestral inheritance.' He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

His wife Jezebel came to him and said, 'Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?' He said to her, 'Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, "Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it"; but he answered, "I will not give you my vineyard."' His wife Jezebel said to him, 'Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.'

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. She wrote in the letters, 'Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, "You have cursed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him to death.' The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, 'Naboth cursed God and the king.' So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, 'Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.'

As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, 'Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.' As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: Have you killed, and also taken possession?' You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood.'

Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' He answered, 'I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have provoked me to anger and have caused Israel to sin. Also concerning Jezebel the Lord said, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the bounds of Jezreel." Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the air shall eat.'

(Indeed, there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord, urged on by his wife Jezebel. He acted most abominably in going

after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites.)

When Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth over his bare flesh; he fasted, lay in the sackcloth, and went about dejectedly. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: 'Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster on his house.'

Canticle

A Song of God's Grace, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 58 \(page 615\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All
The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1
Blessed are you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ☩
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

2
You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world, ☩
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

3
In love you destined us for adoption as your children,
through Jesus Christ, ☩
according to the purpose of your will,

4
To the praise of your glorious grace, ☩
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

5
In you, we have redemption
through the blood of Christ, ☩
the forgiveness of our sins,

6
According to the riches of your grace, ☩
which you have lavished upon us.

7
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, ☩
the mystery of your will,

8
According to your purpose
which you set forth in Christ, ☩

as a plan for the fullness of time,

9To unite all things in Christ, [□]
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1.3-10

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.

AllThe glorious grace of God

is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Acts 21.37-22.21

Just as Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, 'May I say something to you?' The tribune replied, 'Do you know Greek? Then you are not the Egyptian who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?' Paul replied, 'I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of an important city; I beg you, let me speak to the people.' When he had given him permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the people for silence; and when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

'Brothers and fathers, listen to the defence that I now make before you.'

When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

'I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment.

'While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" I answered, "Who are you, Lord?" Then he said to me, "I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting." Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. I asked, "What am I to do, Lord?" The Lord said to me, "Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do." Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus.

'A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, came to me; and standing beside me, he said, "Brother Saul, regain your sight!" In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. Then he said, "The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name."

'After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance and saw Jesus saying to me, "Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me." And I said, "Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. And while the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping the coats of those who killed him." Then he said to me, "Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles."

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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

In all your ways acknowledge him

and he will make straight your paths.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

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

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

from Proverbs 3

Gospel Canticle

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

or [A Song of the Blessed \(page 606\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You have left all things and followed me:

you will be rewarded a hundred times over and gain eternal life.

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.

2From 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.

Refrain:

AllYou have left all things and followed me:
you will be rewarded a hundred times over and gain eternal life.

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 media and the arts
- ¶ Farming and fishing
- ¶ Commerce and industry
- ¶ Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- ¶ All who are unemployed

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

Merciful God,

whose servant Vincent de Paul,

by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,

brought your love to the sick and the poor:

give to all your people a heart of compassion

that by word and action they may serve you

in serving others in their need;

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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