

¶ Evening Prayer on Saturday

Saturday, 23 October 2021

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 Light

1The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? □

The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

2Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, [□]
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

3One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek: [□]
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

4To behold the fair beauty of the Lord [□]
and to seek his will in his temple.

5For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter; [□]
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.

6Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness; [□]
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Psalm 27.1, 3-6, 8

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 148

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; [□]
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; [□]
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; [□]
praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, [□]
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; [□]
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He made them fast for ever and ever; [□]
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. R

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, [□]
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, [□]
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, [□]
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, [□]
creeping things and birds on the wing;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, [□]
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women,
old and young together; [□]
let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted, [□]
his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, [□]
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

O glorious God,
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts
that we may be good stewards of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 149

Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

1 Alleluia.
O sing to the Lord a new song; [□]
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; [□]
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; [□]
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people [□]
and adorns the poor with salvation. R

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; [□]
let them rejoice in their ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their mouths[□]

and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To execute vengeance on the nations[□]

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains[□]

and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the judgement decreed:[□]

such honour have all his faithful servants.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Glorious and redeeming God,

give us hearts to praise you all our days

and wills to reject the world's deceits,

that we may bind the evils of our age

and proclaim the good news of salvation

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 150

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

1 Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness;[□]

praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts;[□]

praise him according to his excellent greatness. R

3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;[□]

praise him upon the harp and lyre.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dances;[□]

praise him upon the strings and pipe. R

5 Praise him with ringing cymbals;[□]

praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath[□]

praise the Lord.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

2 Kings 25.22-end

He appointed Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan as governor over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had left. Now when all the captains of the forces and their men heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah as governor, they came with their men to Gedaliah at Mizpah, namely, Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan son of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah son of the Maacathite. Gedaliah swore to them and their men, saying, 'Do not be afraid because of the Chaldean officials; live in the land, serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.' But in the seventh month, Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, of the royal family, came with ten men; they struck down Gedaliah so that he died, along with the Judeans and Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. Then all the people, high and low, and the captains of the forces, set out and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of King Jehoiachin of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, King Evil-merodach of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, released King Jehoiachin of Judah from prison; he spoke kindly to him, and gave him a seat above the other seats of the kings who were with him in Babylon. So Jehoiachin put aside his prison clothes. Every day of his life he dined regularly in the king's presence. For his allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king, a portion every day, as long as he lived.

Canticle

A Song of God's Love, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 53 \(page 606\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All God's love was revealed among us

so that we might live through Jesus.

1 Beloved, let us love one another,

for love is of God; [□]

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

2 Whoever does not love does not know God, [□]

for God is love.

3 In this the love of God was revealed among us, [□]

that God sent his only Son into the world,

so that we might live through him.

4 In this is love,

not that we loved God but that he loved us, [□]

and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

5 Beloved, since God loved us so much, [□]

we ought also to love one another.

6 For if we love one another, God abides in us, [□]

and God's love will be perfected in us.

1 John 4.7-11, 12b

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.

All God's love was revealed among us

so that we might live through Jesus.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

1 Timothy 5.17-end

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching; for the scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain', and, 'The labourer deserves to be paid.' Never accept any accusation against an elder except on the evidence of two

or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest also may stand in fear. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels, I warn you to keep these instructions without prejudice, doing nothing on the basis of partiality. Do not ordain anyone hastily, and do not participate in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden.

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

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All That glory may dwell in our land.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

from Psalm 85

Gospel Cantic

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

or [A Song of Praise \(page 627\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You have looked with favour on your lowly servant,

from this day all generations will call her blessed.

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 looked with favour on your lowly servant,
from this day all generations will call her blessed.

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](#)

¶ Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

¶ Those whose time is spent caring for others

¶ Those who are close to death

¶ Those who have lost hope

¶ The worship of the Church

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

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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.

AllThanks be to God.

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