

¶ Evening Prayer

from All Saints' Day until

the day before the First Sunday of Advent

Friday, 26 November 2021

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All They make known the glory of your kingdom.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

our light and our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

Now, as darkness is falling,

wash away our transgressions,

cleanse us by your refining fire

and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.

By the light of Christ,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

and make us ready to enter your kingdom,

where songs of praise for ever sound.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of Tobit \(page 596\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Give me the wings of faith to rise

within the veil, and see

the saints above, how great their joys,

how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts
(Tune: CM)

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 146

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever.

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

while I live will I praise the Lord; □

as long as I have any being,

I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes,

nor in any human power, □

for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; □

on that day all their thoughts perish. R

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, □

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth,

the sea and all that is in them; □

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong □

and bread to those who hunger. R

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; □

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; □

the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;

he upholds the orphan and widow; □

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever,[□]
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Alleluia.

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever.

Lord of all,
our breath and being come from you,
yet our earthly end is dust;
as you loose the bound and feed the hungry,
so bring us in your mercy through the grave and gate of death
to the feast of eternal life,
where you reign for evermore.

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.

Isaiah 41.21 – 42.9

Set forth your case, says the Lord;
bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.

Let them bring them, and tell us
what is to happen.

Tell us the former things, what they are,
so that we may consider them,
and that we may know their outcome;
or declare to us the things to come.

Tell us what is to come hereafter,
that we may know that you are gods;
do good, or do harm,
that we may be afraid and terrified.

You, indeed, are nothing
and your work is nothing at all;
whoever chooses you is an abomination.

I stirred up one from the north, and he has come,
from the rising of the sun he was summoned by name.

He shall trample on rulers as on mortar,
as the potter treads clay.

Who declared it from the beginning, so that we might know,
and beforehand, so that we might say, 'He is right'?

There was no one who declared it, none who proclaimed,
none who heard your words.

I first have declared it to Zion,
and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good tidings.

But when I look there is no one;
among these there is no counsellor
who, when I ask, gives an answer.

No, they are all a delusion;
their works are nothing;
their images are empty wind.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Canticle

A Song of God's Assembled, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 70 \(page 628\)](#) or [number 73 \(page 631\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

1 We have come before God's holy mountain, [□]
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

2 We have come before countless angels making festival, [□]
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.

3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, [□]
before the spirits of the just made perfect.

4 We have come before Jesus, [□]
the mediator of the new covenant.

5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: [□]
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,

6 Full of reverence and awe; [□]
for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29

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 We have come before the throne of God

to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Revelation 17

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgement of the great whore who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of whose fornication the inhabitants of the earth have become drunk.' So he carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication; and on her forehead was written a name, a mystery: 'Babylon the great, mother of whores and of earth's abominations.' And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly amazed. But the angel said to me, 'Why are you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the inhabitants of the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

'This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; also, they are seven kings, of whom five have fallen, one is living, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain for only a little while. As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast; they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.'

And he said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the whore is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the whore; they will make her desolate and naked; they will devour her flesh and burn her up with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by agreeing to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.'

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

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

For I am always with you;

you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

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

or the [Nunc dimittis \(The Song of the Simeon\) \(page 613\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All The righteous will shine like the sun

in the kingdom of their Father.

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.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, □

from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm □

and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones □

and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things □

and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, □

to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, □

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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.

Refrain:

All The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.

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 364–365](#)

¶ The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven

¶ All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God

¶ All who fear the winter months

¶ All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ

¶ All who grieve or wait with the dying

A form of prayer found [on page 384](#) 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

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

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)

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

AllOur 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

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.
All Amen.

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

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