

## Evening Prayer

### Easter Season

**Saturday, 14 May 2022**

### Matthias the Apostle

#### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of David \(page 573\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,

your sweetest notes employ,

the Paschal victory to hymn

in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's lion burst his chains  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia, Amen.

Fulbert of Chartres, tr: Robert Campbell  
(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.

All Amen.

## **The Word of God**

## Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

### Psalm 80

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,Â â€¦!

you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,Â â€¦!

before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strengthÂ â€¦!

and come to our salvation.

4 *Turn us again, O God;*Â â€¦!

*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

5 O Lord God of hosts,Â â€¦!

how long will you be angry at your peopleâ€™s prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;Â â€¦!

you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighboursÂ â€¦!

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts;*Â â€¦!

*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

9 You brought a vine out of Egypt;Â â€¦!

you drove out the nations and planted it.

10 You made room around it,Â â€¦!

and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

11 The hills were covered with its shadowÂ â€¦!

and the cedars of God by its boughs.

12 It stretched out its branches to the SeaÂ â€¦!

and its tendrils to the River.

13 Why then have you broken down its wall,Â â!;  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,Â â!  
and all the insects of the field devour it.

15 Turn again, O God of hosts,Â â!  
look down from heaven and behold;

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,Â â!  
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,Â â!  
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,Â â!  
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

19 And so will we not go back from you;Â â!  
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

20 *Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;Â â!  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Faithful shepherd of your people,  
as we look for the light of your countenance,  
restore in us the image of your glory  
and graft us into the risen life of your Son,  
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.

## **1 Samuel 16.1-13a**

The Lord said to Samuel, âHow long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.â Samuel said, âHow can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.â And the Lord said,

Take a heifer with you, and say, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you. Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Do you come peaceably? He said, Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord. But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, Neither has the Lord chosen this one. Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, Neither has the Lord chosen this one. Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen any of these. Samuel said to Jesse, Are all your sons here? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep. Samuel said to Jesse, Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here. He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, Rise and anoint him; for this is the one. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

## 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. Alleluia.

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.

All Christ was believed in throughout the world

and taken up in glory. Alleluia.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Matthew 7.15-27

Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.'"

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

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

The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

All The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

All He has become my salvation.

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

All The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

from Psalm 118

## Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,  
or [Great and Wonderful \(page 629\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All On the foundation stones of the heavenly city  
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb. Alleluia.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; â€  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; â€  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, â€  
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm â€  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones â€  
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things â€  
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, â€  
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, â€  
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 On the foundation stones of the heavenly city

are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb. Alleluia.

## Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

Â¶ for peace

Â¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364-365](#)

Â¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

Â¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care

Â¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ

Â¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection

Â¶ Prisoners and captives

A form of prayer found [on page 382](#) 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

Almighty God,

who in the place of the traitor Judas

chose your faithful servant Matthias

to be of the number of the Twelve:

preserve your Church from false apostles

and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,

keep us steadfast in your truth;

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

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)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

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

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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