Evening Prayer on Sunday

Sunday, 24 July 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
All O 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:
All Blessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of Worship

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.
3 The Lord who made heaven and earth, give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

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 88*

Refrain: You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

1 O Lord, God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before you.

2 Let my prayer come into your presence;
incline your ear to my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles; my life draws near to the land of death.

4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; I am like one that has no strength,

5 Lost among the dead; like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more; for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the lowest pit; in a place of darkness in the abyss.

8 Your anger lies heavy upon me; and you have afflicted me with all your waves.

9 You have put my friends far from me and made me to be abhorred by them.

10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; my eyes fail from all my trouble.

11 Lord, I have called daily upon you; I have stretched out my hands to you.

12 Do you work wonders for the dead? Will the shades stand up and praise you?

13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave; your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark; or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?

15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul? Why have you hidden your face from me?
17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth; I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

18 Your wrath sweeps over me; your horrors are come to destroy me;

19 All day long they come about me like water; they close me in on every side.

20 Lover and friend have you put far from me and hid my companions out of my sight.

Refrain: You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

In the depths of our isolation
we cry to you, Lord God;
give light in our darkness
and bring us out of the prison of our despair
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.

**Genesis 42.1-25**

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, Why do you keep looking at one another? I have heard, he said, that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die. So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. Where do you come from? he said. They said, From the land of Canaan, to buy food. Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land. They said to him, No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies. But he said to them, No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land. They said, We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the
youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more. But Joseph said to them, it is just as I have said to you; you are spies! Here is how you shall be
tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you
remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies. And he put them all
together in prison for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned.
The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall
not die. And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he
pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us. Then Reuben answered them, Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But
you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood. They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an
interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph
then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man’s money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

Canticle

A Song of the Lamb, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 62 (page 620) or number 74 (page 632), may be said

Refrain:

All Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.

1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, whose judgements are true and just.

2 Praise our God, all you his servants, all who fear him, both small and great.

3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns; let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.

5 Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b

All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.
Let us rejoice and exult and give glory and homage to our God.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

1 Corinthians 10.1-24

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

All the Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

from Psalm 27 and John 1

**Gospel Canticle**

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said, or the *Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)* (page 613) may be said.

Refrain:

All you have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked on 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
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:

You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.

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 universal Church
Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
The leaders of the nations
The natural world and the resources of the earth
All who are in any kind of need

One of the forms of prayer found on pages 362–363 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,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.
Amen.

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

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

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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