

Evening Prayer on Thursday

Thursday, 11 August 2022

Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253 [Lesser Festival]

John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890 [Commemoration]

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 God's Chosen One

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, and

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, and

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

3 The spirit of counsel and might, and

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

4He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear,

5But with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

6The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

7The calf, the lion and the fatling together,

with a little child to lead them.

8They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11.1,2,3b-4a,6,9

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 39

Refrain: Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days.

1 I said, "I will keep watch over my ways,
so that I offend not with my tongue.

2 "I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
while the wicked are in my sight."

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing;
I kept silent but to no avail.

4 My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me;
while I mused, the fire was kindled
and I spoke out with my tongue:

5 "Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days,
that I may know how short my time is.

6 "You have made my days but a handbreadth,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight;
truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.

7 "We walk about like a shadow
and in vain we are in turmoil;
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them."

8 "And now, what is my hope?
Truly my hope is even in you.

9 "Deliver me from all my transgressions,
and do not make me the taunt of the fool."

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
for surely it was your doing.

11 Take away your plague from me;
I am consumed by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you consume our beauty;Â â
truly, everyone is but a breath.Â R

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;Â â
hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a stranger with you,Â â
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again,Â â
before I go my way and am no more.

Refrain: Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days.

O Christ, Son of the living God,
help us when we are too cast down to pray,
and grant that we may trust you all our days,
for you are with us in our living and our dying,
Jesus, Lord and God.

Psalm 40

Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;Â â
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;Â â
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;Â â
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,Â â
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

How great your designs for us!Â â!

There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of themÂ â!

they would be more than I am able to express.Â R

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desireÂ â!

but my ears you have opened;

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;Â â!

then said I: âLo, I come.

9 âIn the scroll of the book it is written of me

that I should do your will, O my God;Â â!

I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.â

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;Â â!

behold, I did not restrain my lips,

and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;Â â!

I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth

from the great congregation.Â R

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;Â â!

let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

13 For innumerable troubles have come about me;

my sins have overtaken me so that I cannot look up;Â â!

they are more in number than the hairs of my head,

and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;Â â!

O Lord, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed

who seek after my life to destroy it;Â â!

let them be driven back and put to shame

who wish me evil.

16 Let those who heap insults upon meÂ â!

be desolate because of their shame.Â R

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;Â â!;

let those who love your salvation say always,

âThe Lord is great.â

18 Though I am poor and needy,Â â!;

the Lord cares for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer;Â â!;

O my God, make no delay.

Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

Free us from our sins, O God,

and may our sacrifices be of praise

to the glory of your Son,

our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Jeremiah 33.14-end

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: âThe Lord is our righteousness.â

For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt-offerings, to make grain-offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Thus says the Lord: If any of you could break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night would not come at their appointed time, only then could my covenant with my servant David be broken, so that he would not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with my ministers the Levites. Just as the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will increase the offspring of my servant David, and the Levites who minister to me.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Have you not observed how these people say, âThe two families that the Lord chose have been rejected by himâ, and how

they hold my people in such contempt that they no longer regard them as a nation? Thus says the Lord: Only if I had not established my covenant with day and night and the ordinances of heaven and earth, would I reject the offspring of Jacob and of my servant David and not choose any of his descendants as rulers over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes, and will have mercy upon them.

Canticle

Great and Wonderful, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 63 \(page 621\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, â€œ;
Lord God the Almighty.

2 Just and true are your ways, â€œ;
O ruler of the nations.

3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? â€œ;
for you alone are holy.

4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: â€œ;
for your just dealings have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3, 4

All to the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb â€œ;
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

James 4.1-12

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do

not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

"God opposes the proud,

but gives grace to the humble."

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbour?

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

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Cantic

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

or [A Song of Christ's Appearing \(page 621\)](#) 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; â€
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

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

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

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

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

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

8The promise made to our ancestors, â€
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

Â¶ for peace

Â¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362-363](#)

• Local government, community leaders

• All who provide local services

• Those who work with young or elderly people

• Schools, colleges and universities

• Emergency and rescue organizations

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

God of peace,

who in the poverty of the blessed Clare

gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:

give us grace so to follow in her footsteps

that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal glory;

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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