

## Evening Prayer on Friday

Friday, 23 September 2022

### 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 Entreaty

1Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; â€œ

answer me in your righteousness.

2Enter not into judgement with your servant, â€œ

for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3My spirit faints within me; â€œ

my heart within me is desolate.

4I stretch out my hands to you; â€¦  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

5O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; â€¦  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

6Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust; â€¦  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

7Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; â€¦  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

8Revive me, O Lord, for your nameâ€™s sake;  
for your righteousnessâ€™ sake, bring me out of trouble.

Psalm 143.1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11

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 22

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,Â â!;  
and are so far from my salvation,  
from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer;Â â!  
and by night also, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One,Â â!  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears trusted in you;Â â!  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;Â â!  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.Â R

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,Â â!  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;Â â!  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 âHe trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him,Â â!  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.â

9 But it is you that took me out of the wombÂ â!  
and laid me safe upon my motherâs breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;Â â!  
you are my God even from my motherâs womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at handÂ â!  
and there is none to help.Â R

12 Mighty oxen come around me;Â â!

fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths,Â ã!'  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint;Â ã!'  
my heart has become like wax  
melting in the depths of my body.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue cleaves to my gums;Â ã!'  
you have laid me in the dust of death.Â R

16 For the hounds are all about me;  
the pack of evildoers close in on me;Â ã!'  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones;Â ã!'  
they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They divide my garments among them;Â ã!'  
they cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far from me, O Lord;Â ã!'  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,Â ã!'  
my poor life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth,  
from the horns of wild oxen.Â ã!'  
You have answered me!Â R

22 I will tell of your name to my people;Â ã!'  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;Â ã!'  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;Â â  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;Â â  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;Â â  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.Â R

27 All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,Â â  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's,Â â  
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,Â â  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

30 He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;Â â  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,Â â  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

Restless with grief and fear,  
the abandoned turn to you:  
in every hour of trial,  
good Lord, deliver us,  
O God most holy, God most strong,  
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.

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.

## **Zechariah 8.9-end**

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strongâyou that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, Oâhouse of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Just as I purposed to bring disaster upon you, when your ancestors provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the Lord of hosts, so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not be afraid. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful festivals for the house of Judah: therefore love truth and peace.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, the inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, âCome, let us go to entreat the favour of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.â Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from nations of every language shall take hold of a Jew, grasping his garment and saying, âLet us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.â

## **Canticle**

A Song of the Justified, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 61 \(page 619\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Our hope is not in vain,  
because Godâs love has been poured into our hearts.

1 God reckons as righteous those who believe, â  
who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead;

2For Christ was handed over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

3Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

4Through Christ we have gained access to the grace in which we stand, and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.

5We even exult in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance,

6And endurance brings hope, and our hope is not in vain,

7Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, given to us.

8God proves his love for us: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

9Since we have been justified by his death, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath.

10Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 8, 9, 11

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.

AllOur hope is not in vain, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

### **Scripture Reading**

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Mark 10.35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.

All  
Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me,  
O Lord of my salvation.

All  
Be not far from me, O my God.

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

All  
Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.

from Psalm 38

## Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,  
or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All  
You have scattered the proud in their conceit,  
and lifted up the lowly.

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 scattered the proud in their conceit,  
and lifted up the lowly.

## 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](#)

• The King, members of parliament and the armed forces

• Peace and justice in the world

• Those who work for reconciliation

• All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife

• Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

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

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in 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

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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