

☩ Morning Prayer

Passiontide

Sunday, 26 March 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Passiontide begins)

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross

and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Lamentation

1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ☩

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

2Which was brought upon me, □
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.

3For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; □
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.

4Remember my affliction and my bitterness, □
the wormwood and the gall!

5But this I call to mind, □
and therefore I have hope:

6The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, □
his mercies never come to an end;

7They are new every morning; □
great is your faithfulness.

8‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, □
‘therefore I will hope in him.’

9The Lord is good to those who wait for him, □
to the soul that seeks him.

10It is good that we should wait quietly □
for the salvation of the Lord.

11For the Lord will not reject for ever; □
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

12According to the abundance of his steadfast love; □
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12, 16a,b; 3.19, 21-26, 31-33

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 86

Refrain: All nations you have made shall come and worship
you, O Lord.

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, □
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; □
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; □
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, □
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. R

5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, □
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer □
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, □
for you will answer me. R

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, □
nor any works like yours.

9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, □
and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wonderful things; □
you alone are God. R

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; □
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, □
and glorify your name for evermore;

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me, □
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. R

14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life; □
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, □
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; □
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; □
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Refrain: All nations you have made shall come and worship
you, O Lord.

God of mercy,
who in your great love
drew your Son from the depths of the Pit,
bring your people from death to life,

that we may rejoice in your compassion
and praise you now and for ever.

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.

Jeremiah 31.27-37

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Thus says the Lord,
who gives the sun for light by day
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,

who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
the Lord of hosts is his name:

If this fixed order were ever to cease
from my presence, says the Lord,
then also the offspring of Israel would cease
to be a nation before me for ever.

Thus says the Lord:

If the heavens above can be measured,

and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,

then I will reject all the offspring of Israel

because of all they have done,

says the Lord.

Canticle

A Song of the Lord's Gracious Deeds, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 23 \(page 574\)](#), [number 42 \(page 593\)](#) or [number 43 \(page 594\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,

the praises of the Most High.

1Who is this that comes from Edom, □

coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

2Who is this in glorious apparel, □

marching in the greatness of his strength?

3'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, □

it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

4Why are your robes all red, O Lord, □

and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?

5'I have trodden the winepress alone, □

and from the peoples no one was with me.'

6I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, □

the praises of the Most High;

7All that God has done for us in his mercy, □

by his many acts of love.

8For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,

my children who will not deal falsely,' □

and he became their Saviour in all their distress.

9So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ☩
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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the praises of the Most High.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

Allby your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

AllWe adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All The word of the cross is folly

to those who are perishing,

but to those who are being saved

it is the power of God.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ☩

who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ☩

born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ☩

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ☩

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ☩

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, ☩

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ☩

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation □

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God □

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, □

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit;

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and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

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

¶ The persecuted Church

¶ The oppressed peoples of the world

¶ All who are lonely

¶ All who are near to death

¶ All who are facing loss

A form of prayer found [on page 381](#) may be used.

The Litany [on pages 400–403](#) may be said instead of the Prayers.

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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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)

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.
All Amen.

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

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