

¶ Evening Prayer

Passiontide

Sunday, 26 March 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Passiontide begins)

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

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 glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,

stir up in us the fire of your love,

that we may be cleansed from all our sins,

and walk with you in newness of life

singing the praise of him who died

for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

The royal banners forward go,

the cross shines forth in mystic glow;

where he in flesh, our flesh who made,

our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
by soldier's spear was opened wide,
to cleanse us in the precious flood
of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the nations' King should be;
for God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,
ordained those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in purple robe it stood,
the purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
he weighed the price for sinners due,
the price which none but he could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore.

Venantius Fortunatus, tr: J M Neale (alt.)

(Tune: LM)

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 30

Refrain: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up ☩
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you ☩
and you have healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ☩
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ☩
give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime. ☩
Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning. R

6 In my prosperity I said,
'I shall never be moved. ☩
You, Lord, of your goodness,
have made my hill so strong.'

7 Then you hid your face from me ☩
and I was utterly dismayed.

8 To you, O Lord, I cried; ☩
to the Lord I made my supplication:

9 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit? ☩

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

10 'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; □

O Lord, be my helper.' R

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; □

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; □

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Refrain: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

Lord, you hide your face

when we trust in ourselves;

strip us of false security

and re-clothe us in your praise,

that we may know you

as the one who raises us from death,

as you raised your Son, our Saviour Jesus 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.

Lamentations 3.19-33

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness

is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it

and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

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

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Canticle

The Song of Christ's Glory, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 66 \(page 624\)](#) or [number 87 \(page 644\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All
At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.

1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, □

but he did not cling to equality with God.

2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, □

and was born in our human likeness.

3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, □

and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, □

and bestowed on him the name above every name,

5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, □

in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, □

to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

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.

All At the name of Jesus

every knee shall bow.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Matthew 20.17-34

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!' The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!' Jesus stood still and called them, saying, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let our eyes be opened.' Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

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

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

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

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

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

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

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

By his wounds you have been healed.

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

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Peter 2

Gospel Cantic

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

or [A Song of Praise \(page 627\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All God's love for us is revealed

in that, while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us.

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.

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

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 God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

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 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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