

☩ Morning Prayer

Passiontide

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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,

2 Which 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

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

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 23

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ☩

therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ☩

and leads me beside still waters. R

3 He shall refresh my soul ☩

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; ☩

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

5 You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me; ☩

you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, ☩

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ
from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence
and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home
and dwell with him in your house for ever.

Psalm 127

Refrain: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in.

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, □
those who build it labour in vain.

2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, □
the guard keeps watch in vain.

3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, □
for he gives his beloved sleep. R

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord □
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, □
so are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy are those who have their quiver full of them: □
they shall not be put to shame
when they dispute with their enemies in the gate.

Refrain: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in.

Lord, you are ever watchful
and bless us with your gifts;

as you provide for all our needs,
so help us to build only what pleases you;
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.

Jeremiah 25.1-14

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah (that was the first year of King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon), which the prophet Jeremiah spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah to this day, the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. And though the Lord persistently sent you all his servants the prophets, you have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear when they said, 'Turn now, everyone of you, from your evil way and wicked doings, and you will remain upon the land that the Lord has given to you and your ancestors from of old and for ever; do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, and do not provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.' Yet you did not listen to me, says the Lord, and so you have provoked me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, I am going to send for all the tribes of the north, says the Lord, even for King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these nations around; I will utterly destroy them, and make them an object of horror and of hissing, and an everlasting disgrace. And I will banish from them the sound of mirth and the sound of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste. I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. For many nations and great kings shall make slaves of them also; and I will repay them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.

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

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.

AllI will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
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 12.36b-end

Jesus departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

‘Lord, who has believed our message,

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?’

And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

‘He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

so that they might not look with their eyes,

and understand with their heart and turn—

and I would heal them.’

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

Then Jesus cried aloud: ‘Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.’

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.

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

All We 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

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:

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to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.

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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