

## ¶ Evening Prayer

### Passiontide

**Saturday, 1 April 2023**

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### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O 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 128

Refrain: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.

1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, □  
and walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; □  
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. R

3 Your wife within your house  
shall be like a fruitful vine; □  
your children round your table,  
like fresh olive branches.

4 Thus shall the one be blest □  
who fears the Lord. R

5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, □  
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity  
all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children, □  
and may there be peace upon Israel.

Refrain: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.

O Christ, our true vine,  
may we your branches  
be ever fruitful in your service  
and share your love and peace with all your children,  
in the power of the Spirit and to the glory of the Father.

## Psalm 129

Refrain: The Lord ransoms the life of his servants.

1 'Many a time have they fought against me from my youth,' □  
may Israel now say;

2 'Many a time have they fought against me from my youth, □  
but they have not prevailed against me.'

3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back □  
and made their furrows long.

4 But the righteous Lord □  
has cut the cords of the wicked in pieces. R

5 Let them be put to shame and turned backwards, □  
as many as are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, □  
which withers before it can grow,

7 So that no reaper may fill his hand, □  
nor a binder of sheaves his bosom;

8 And none who go by may say,  
'The blessing of the Lord be upon you. □  
We bless you in the name of the Lord.'

Refrain: The Lord ransoms the life of his servants.

Jesus our redeemer,  
you bore the cut of the lash  
for us and our salvation;  
help us to bear our sufferings  
and to share in the affliction  
of all who suffer for your holy name.

## Psalm 130

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; □  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, □  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, □  
so that you shall be feared. R

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; □  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning, □  
more than the night watch for the morning. R

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, □  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption □  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

Father, we commend to your faithful love  
those who are crying from the depths;  
help them to watch and pray  
through their time of darkness,  
in sure hope of the dawn of your  
forgiveness and redemption;  
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.

# Exodus 11

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go from here; indeed, when he lets you go, he will drive you away. Tell the people that every man is to ask his neighbour and every woman is to ask her neighbour for objects of silver and gold.' The Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, Moses himself was a man of great importance in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's officials, and in the sight of the people.

Moses said, 'Thus says the Lord: About midnight I will go out through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the livestock. Then there will be a loud cry throughout the whole land of Egypt, such as has never been nor will ever be again. But not a dog shall growl at any of the Israelites—not at people, not at animals—so that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. Then all these officials of yours shall come down to me, and bow low to me, saying, "Leave us, you and all the people who follow you." After that I will leave.' And in hot anger he left Pharaoh.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Pharaoh will not listen to you, in order that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.' Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; but the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.

## 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;

6And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, ☩  
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

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.

AllAt 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.

## Hebrews 13.17-end

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

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.

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 Canticle

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,



8The promise made to our ancestors, □  
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:

AllGod'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

Almighty and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race

sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

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.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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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