

## ¶ Evening Prayer

**from the day after Ascension Day**

**until the Day of Pentecost**

**Friday, 26 May 2023**

**Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605 [Lesser Festival]**

**John Calvin, Reformer, 1564 [Commemoration]**

**Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595 [Commemoration]**

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

Alland clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia..

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

Raised to your right hand on high

the ascended Christ shows the prints of love

and bestows on us the gifts of grace.

As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,

may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

and reveal your glory in all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

AllBlessed be God for ever.

[A Song of God's Greatness](#) (page 565), the following or another suitable hymn

Creator Spirit, Lord of grace,  
come, make in us your dwelling place;  
O purest Light, in darkness shine;  
fill loveless hearts, O Love Divine.

Consoler, hear your people's cry;  
come down, O Gift of God, Most High.  
Descend in peace, O heav'nly Dove;  
come Fount of Life; come Flame of Love.

As once on Christ the Servant's head  
the oil of sevenfold grace you shed,  
so now anoint from love's deep springs  
your chosen prophets, priests and kings.

Of ev'ry gift the living source,  
of mighty deeds the unseen force,  
the Father sends his promised One  
to speak for all who serve his Son.

Keep far all those who wish us ill,  
O Dove of Peace, be with us still,  
in ev'ry danger at our side  
O Friend, befriend us; be our guide.

Reveal to us the Father's love,  
reveal his Son, who reigns above.  
To truth, O Truth, make us all true;  
in love, O Love, make all things new.

James Quinn S J, based on Veni, Creator Spiritus  
(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.  
All Amen.

## The Word of God

### Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

### Psalm 147

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, □  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem □  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted □  
and binds up all their wounds. R

4 He counts the number of the stars □  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; □  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, □  
but casts down the wicked to the ground. R

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; □  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds □  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains □  
and green plants to serve our needs. R

10 He gives the beasts their food □  
and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, □  
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, □  
who put their trust in his steadfast love. R

13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; □  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates □  
and has blest your children within you.

15 He has established peace in your borders □  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat. R

16 He sends forth his command to the earth □  
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool □  
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread; □  
who can endure his frost? R

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; □  
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, □  
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

21 He has not dealt so with any other nation; □  
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,  
as you know each star you have created,

so you know the secrets of every heart;  
in your loving mercy bring to your table  
all who are fearful and broken,  
all who are wounded and needy,  
that our hungers may be satisfied  
in the city of your peace;  
through Christ who is our peace.

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.

## Numbers 27.12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go up this mountain of the Abarim range, and see the land that I have given to the Israelites. When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarrelled with me. You did not show my holiness before their eyes at the waters.' (These are the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, 'Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the Lord may not be like sheep without a shepherd.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; have him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. You shall give him some of your authority, so that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey. But he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the decision of the Urim before the Lord; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the Israelites with him, the whole congregation.' So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation; he laid his hands on him and commissioned him—as the Lord had directed through Moses.

## Canticle

A Song of God's Children, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 60](#) or [number 63](#), may be said

Refrain:

All The Spirit of the Father,  
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,  
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.

1The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus □  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.

2All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; □  
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.

3The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God □  
and if God's children, then heirs of God;

4If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; □  
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.

5These sufferings that we now endure □  
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

6For the creation waits with eager longing □  
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19

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.

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who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,  
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Luke 8.40-end

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her haemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.

All  
When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works;  
in wisdom you have made them all.

All  
You renew the face of the earth.

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

All  
When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.

from Psalm 104

## Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said, or [Great and Wonderful](#) may be said

Refrain:

All Well done, good and faithful servant:  
you have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over much. Alleluia.

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; □  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3He has mercy on those who fear him, □  
from generation to generation.

4He has shown strength with his arm □  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones □  
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things □  
and sent the rich away empty.

7He 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:

All Well done, good and faithful servant:  
you have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over much. Alleluia.

## 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](#)



- ¶ God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit
- ¶ Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
- ¶ All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ
- ¶ The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests
- ¶ All who are struggling with broken relationships

A form of prayer found [on page 383](#) 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 servant Augustine was sent as the apostle

of the English people:

grant that as he laboured in the Spirit

to preach Christ's gospel in this land,

so all who hear the good news

may strive to make your truth known in all the world;

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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,

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)

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

AllOur 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 the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.  
AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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