

¶ Evening Prayer on Monday

Monday, 18 September 2023

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

[The Blessing of Light \(page 110\)](#) may replace the Preparation at Evening Prayer on any occasion.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

A prayer of thanksgiving (page 110),

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

AllBlessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of God's Greatness

1Bless the Lord, O my soul. □

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2You are clothed with majesty and honour, □

wrapped in light as in a garment.

3The sun knows the time for its setting. □

You make darkness that it may be night.

4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! □

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

5 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, □
and you renew the face of the earth.

6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; □
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; □
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.1, 2, 21b, 22a, 26, 32, 33, 35

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

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 26

Refrain: Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; □
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; □
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; □
I have walked in your truth.

4 I have not joined the company of the false, □
nor consorted with the deceitful. R

5 I hate the gathering of evildoers □
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, □
that I may go about your altar,

7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving □
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation □
and the place where your glory abides. R

9 Sweep me not away with sinners, □
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

10 Whose hands are full of wicked schemes □
and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will walk with integrity; □
redeem me, Lord, and be merciful to me.

12 My foot stands firm; □
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Refrain: Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Have mercy on us and redeem us, O Lord,
for our merits are your mercies
and in your judgement is our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 28

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

1 To you I call, O Lord my rock;
be not deaf to my cry, □
lest, if you do not hear me,
I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, □
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies. R

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked,
with the evildoers, □
who speak peaceably with their neighbours,
while malice is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds □
and according to the wickedness of their devices. R

5 Reward them according to the work of their hands □
and pay them their just deserts.

6 They take no heed of the Lord's doings,
nor of the works of his hands; □
therefore shall he break them down
and not build them up. R

7 Blessed be the Lord, □
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; □
my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy □
and in my song will I praise him. R

10 The Lord is the strength of his people, □
a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; □
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

Hear us, Shepherd of your people,
forgive us our sins
and, in a world of pretences,
make us true in heart and mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 29

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, □
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; □
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; □
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. R

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; □
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; □
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf □
and Sirion like a young wild ox. R

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; □
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; □
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; □
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; □
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, 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.

1 Kings 8.31-62

Solomon prayed to the Lord, 'If someone sins against a neighbour and is given an oath to swear, and comes and swears before your altar in this house, then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing their conduct on their own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding them according to their righteousness.

'When your people Israel, having sinned against you, are defeated before an enemy but turn again to you, confess your name, pray, and plead with you in this house, then hear in heaven, forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land that you gave to their ancestors.

'When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and then they pray towards this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin, because you punish them, then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and grant rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

'If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blight, mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in any of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; whatever prayer, whatever plea there is from any individual or from all your people Israel, all knowing the afflictions of their own hearts so that they stretch out their hands towards this house; then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, forgive, act, and render to all whose hearts you know—according to all their ways, for only you know what is in every human heart—so that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our ancestors.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

'If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to the Lord towards the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, then hear in heaven their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause.

'If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near; and if they come to their senses in the land to which they have been taken captive, and repent, and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, "We have sinned, and have done wrong; we have acted wickedly"; if they repent with all their heart and soul in the land of their enemies, who took them captive, and pray to you towards their land, which you gave to their ancestors, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name; then hear in heaven your dwelling-place their prayer and their plea, maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you; and grant them compassion in the sight of their captors, so that they may have compassion on them (for they are your people and heritage, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron-smelter). Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant, and to the plea of your people Israel, listening to them whenever they call to you. For you have separated them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be your heritage, just as you promised through Moses, your servant, when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt, O Lord God.'

Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the Lord, he arose from facing the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched towards heaven; he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice:

'Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.'

Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord.

Canticle

A Song of God's Grace, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 58 \(page 615\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

AllThe glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1Blessed are you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ☩
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

2You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world, ☩
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

3In love you destined us for adoption as your children,
through Jesus Christ, ☩
according to the purpose of your will,

4To the praise of your glorious grace, ☩
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

5In you, we have redemption
through the blood of Christ, ☩
the forgiveness of our sins,

6According to the riches of your grace, ☩
which you have lavished upon us.

7You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, ☩
the mystery of your will,

8According to your purpose
which you set forth in Christ, ☩
as a plan for the fullness of time,

9To unite all things in Christ, ☩
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1.3-10

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.

AllThe glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Acts 16.6-24

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

AllTrust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

AllTrust in the Lord with all your heart.

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

AllTrust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

from Proverbs 3

Gospel Canticle

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

or [A Song of the Blessed \(page 606\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

AllMy spirit rejoices in you, O God,

my soul proclaims your greatness.

1My 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

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 My spirit rejoices in you, O God,
my soul proclaims your greatness.

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 362–363](#)

¶ The media and the arts

¶ Farming and fishing

¶ Commerce and industry

¶ Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger

¶ All who are unemployed

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362–371](#) 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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit

upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

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)

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

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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