

¶ Evening Prayer on Tuesday

Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690 [Commemoration]

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 Mercy and Truth

1O God, will you not give us life again, □

that your people may rejoice in you?

2Show us your mercy, O Lord, □

and grant us your salvation.

3 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, □
that his glory may dwell in our land.

4 Mercy and truth are met together, □
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

5 Truth shall spring up from the earth □
and righteousness look down from heaven.

6 Righteousness shall go before him □
and direct his steps in the way.

Psalm 85.6, 7, 9-11, 13

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 33

Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, □
for it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; □
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

3 Sing for him a new song; □
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

4 For the word of the Lord is true □
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; □
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord. R

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made □
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin □
and lays up the deep in his treasury.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; □
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.

9 For he spoke, and it was done; □
he commanded, and it stood fast. R

10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; □
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.

11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever □
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord □
and the people he has chosen for his own. R

13 The Lord looks down from heaven □
and beholds all the children of earth.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze □
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them □
and understands all their works.

16 No king is saved by the might of his host; □
no warrior delivered by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; □
for all its strength it cannot save. R

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him, □
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

19 To deliver their soul from death □
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; □
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; □
in his holy name have we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, □
as we have set our hope on you.

Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Feed your people, Lord,
with your holy word
and free us from the emptiness of our
wrongful desires,
that we may sing the new song of salvation
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.

1 Kings 8.63-9.9

Solomon offered as sacrifices of well-being to the Lord twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord. The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the Lord; for there he offered the burnt-offerings and the grain-offerings and the fat pieces of the sacrifices of well-being, because the bronze altar that was before the Lord was too small to receive the burnt-offerings and the grain-offerings and the fat pieces of the sacrifices of well-being.

So Solomon held the festival at that time, and all Israel with him—a great assembly, people from Lebo-hamath to the Wadi of Egypt—before the Lord our God, for seven days. On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents, joyful and in good spirits because of all the goodness that the Lord had shown to his servant David and to his people Israel.

When Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house and all that Solomon desired to build, the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. The Lord said to him, 'I have heard your prayer and your plea, which you made before me; I have consecrated this house that you have built, and put my name there for ever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time. As for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel for ever, as I promised your father David, saying, "There shall not fail you a successor on the throne of Israel."

'If you turn aside from following me, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut Israel off from the land that I have given them; and the house that I have consecrated for my name I will cast out of my sight; and Israel will become a proverb and a taunt among all peoples. This house will become a heap of ruins; everyone passing by it will be astonished, and will hiss; and they will say, "Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this house?" Then they will say, "Because they have forsaken the Lord their God, who brought their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, worshipping them and serving them; therefore the Lord has brought this disaster upon them."'

Canticle

A Song of the Holy City, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 72 \(page 630\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

AllI saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.

1I saw a new heaven and a new earth, □
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.

2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, □
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, □
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

4'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, □
and God himself will be with them.

5'He will wipe every tear from their eyes, □
and death shall be no more.

6'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more, □
for the former things have passed away.'

7And the One who sat upon the throne said, □
'Behold, I make all things new.'

Revelation 21.1-5a

AllTo the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb □
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

AllI saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Acts 16.25-end

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, 'Let those men go.' And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, 'The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace.' But Paul replied, 'They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have

thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves.' The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

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

Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments

All that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

from Psalm 119

Gospel Cantic

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

or [Great and Wonderful \(page 629\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You have mercy on those who fear you,

from generation to generation.

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.

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:

AllYou have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.

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](#)

¶ All who are sick in body, mind or spirit

¶ Those in the midst of famine or disaster

¶ Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice

¶ Those who are bereaved

¶ All who work in the medical and healing professions

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.

© [The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2005](#)

Official Common Worship apps, books and eBooks are available from [Church House Publishing](#).

The Bible readings (other than the psalms) are from *The New Revised Standard Version Anglicized Edition*, copyright 1989, 1995 Division of Christian Education of the [National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America](#). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Implemented by Simon Kershaw at [Crucix](#).

Implementation copyright © Simon Kershaw, 2002-2021.

[View other services](#)

Source URL: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/evening-prayer-contemporary-tuesday-19-september-2023>