

## ¶ Evening Prayer on Monday

**Monday, 12 February 2024**

### 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.

## **Jeremiah 1**

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,  
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord.'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.'

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Jeremiah, what do you see?' And I said, 'I see a branch of an almond tree.' Then the Lord said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.' The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north.'

Then the Lord said to me: Out of the north disaster shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land. For now I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the Lord; and they shall come and all of them shall set their thrones at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its surrounding walls and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgements against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have made offerings to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.

## Canticle

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

Refrain:

All The glorious grace of God

is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1 Blessed 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.

2 You 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.

## **John 3.1-21**



Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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.

All Trust 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.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

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

All Trust 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:

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

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,

8 The 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

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory,

that we may be strengthened to suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

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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