

☩ Morning Prayer

Lent

Sunday, 25 February 2024

The Second Sunday of Lent

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All according to your judgement give us life.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,

your light breaks forth like the dawn

and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,

sustain us with your bountiful Spirit

and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Penitence

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ☩

according to the abundance of your compassion

blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ☩

and cleanse me from my sin.

3For I acknowledge my faults □
and my sin is ever before me.

4Against you only have I sinned □
and done what is evil in your sight,

5So that you are justified in your sentence □
and righteous in your judgement.

6Cast me not away from your presence □
and take not your holy spirit from me.

7Give me again the joy of your salvation □
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked □
and sinners shall return to you.

9Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, □
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51.1-5, 12-15

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.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end

Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; □
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises, □
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; □
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; □
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, □
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant, □
O children of Jacob his chosen. R

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; □
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, □
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering □
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails; □
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven. R

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out □
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word □
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, □
his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations □
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes □
and faithfully observe his laws.

[Alleluia.]

Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

God of our earthly pilgrimage,
feed your Easter people with the bread of heaven,
that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness
until we reach our promised land;
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.

Isaiah 51.1-11

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Listen to me, you who know righteousness,
you people who have my teaching in your hearts;
do not fear the reproach of others,
and do not be dismayed when they revile you.

For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
and the worm will eat them like wool;
but my deliverance will be for ever,
and my salvation to all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength,

O arm of the Lord!

Awake, as in days of old,

the generations of long ago!

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,

who pierced the dragon?
Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep;
who made the depths of the sea a way
for the redeemed to cross over?
So the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Canticle

The Song of Manasseh, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 20 \(page 570\)](#), [number 33 \(page 584\)](#) or [number 41 \(page 592\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Full of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, ☩
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:

2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, ☩
before your great and mighty power.

3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, ☩
for you are God, Most High.

4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, ☩
and you relent at human suffering.

5 O God, according to your great goodness, ☩
you have promised forgiveness for repentance
to those who have sinned against you.

6 The sins I have committed against you ☩
are more in number than the sands of the sea.

7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, ☩
because of the multitude of my iniquities.

8And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, □
imploing your kindness upon me.

9I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, □
and I acknowledge my transgressions.

10Unworthy as I am, you will save me, □
according to your great mercy.

11For all the host of heaven sings your praise, □
and your glory is for ever and ever.

Manasseh 1a, 2, 4, 6, 7a, b, 9a, c, 11, 12, 14b, 15b

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.

AllFull of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Galatians 3.1-9, 23-end

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham 'believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.' For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through

faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

All O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

All O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

from Psalm 25

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ☩

who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ☩

born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ☩

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ☩

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ☩

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear, ☩

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ☩

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation ☩

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God ☩

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ☩

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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:

AllBlessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364-365](#)

¶ Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

¶ Those serving through leadership

¶ Those looking for forgiveness

¶ Those misled by the false gods of this present age

¶ All who are hungry

A form of prayer found [on page 380](#) 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 God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,

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)

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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