

¶ Evening Prayer

Lent

Sunday, 25 February 2024

The Second Sunday of Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

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, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,

that freed from the misery of sin and shame

we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of Entreaty \(page 568\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me,

and purge away my sin;

from earthborn passions set me free,

and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

George the Sinner, tr: A W Chatfield

(Tune: SM)

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 135*

Refrain: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

1 [Alleluia.]

Praise the name of the Lord; □

give praise, you servants of the Lord,

2 You that stand in the house of the Lord, □

in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; □

make music to his name, for it is lovely.

4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself □

and Israel for his own possession. R

5 For I know that the Lord is great □

and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The Lord does whatever he pleases

in heaven and on earth, □

in the seas and in all the deeps.

7 He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; □

he makes lightning with the rain

and brings the winds out of his treasuries. R

8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, □

the firstborn of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, □

upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He smote many nations □

and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,

and Og, the king of Bashan, □

and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land as a heritage, □

a heritage for Israel his people. R

13 Your name, O Lord, endures for ever □

and shall be remembered through all generations.

14 For the Lord will vindicate his people ☩
and have compassion on his servants. R

15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ☩
the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ☩
eyes have they, but cannot see;

17 They have ears, but cannot hear; ☩
neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 Those who make them shall become like them, ☩
and so will all who put their trust in them. R

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ☩
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ☩
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ☩
who dwells in Jerusalem.

[Alleluia.]

Refrain: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Wise and gracious God,
save us from the idols of our hearts
and keep us in your living presence,
that we may become a people for your praise
in 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.

Genesis 12.1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Canticle

A Song of Christ the Servant, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 61 \(page 619\)](#) or [number 67 \(page 625\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, □
that you should follow in his steps.

2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, □
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, □
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, □
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, □
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b-25

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.

All Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

All Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

All Be not far from me, O my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Forsake me not, O Lord;

be not far from me, O my God.

from Psalm 38

Gospel Cantic

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

or [A Song of Praise \(page 627\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All Come, let us return to the Lord,

for our God will richly pardon.

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 Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.

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](#)

¶ 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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