

¶ Evening Prayer

Easter Season

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

Wednesday of Easter Week

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Alllet heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

AllBlessed be God for ever.

[A Song of David \(page 573\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,

your sweetest notes employ,

the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's lion burst his chains
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia, Amen.

Fulbert of Chartres, tr: Robert Campbell
(Tune: CM)

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 105

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

7 He is the Lord our God; □
his judgements are in all the earth.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, □
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, □
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, □
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan □
to be the portion of your inheritance.' R

12 When they were but few in number, □
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation, □
from one kingdom to another people,

14 He suffered no one to do them wrong □
and rebuked even kings for their sake,

15 Saying, 'Touch not my anointed □
and do my prophets no harm.' R

16 Then he called down famine over the land □
and broke every staff of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them, □
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They shackled his feet with fetters; □
his neck was ringed with iron.

19 Until all he foretold came to pass, □
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; □
the ruler of peoples set him free.

21 He appointed him lord of his household □
and ruler of all he possessed,

22 To instruct his princes as he willed □
and to teach his counsellors wisdom. R

23 Then Israel came into Egypt; □
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; □
he made them too many for their adversaries,

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people □
and dealt craftily with his servants. R

26 Then sent he Moses his servant □
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 He showed his signs through their word □
and his wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness and it grew dark; □
yet they did not heed his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood □
and slew all their fish.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs, □
even in their kings' chambers.

31 He spoke the word, and there came clouds of flies, □
swarms of gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones for rain □
and flames of lightning in their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees □
and shattered trees across their country.

34 He spoke the word, and the grasshoppers came □
and young locusts without number;

35 They ate every plant in their land □
and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He smote all the firstborn in their land, □
the first fruits of all their strength. 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.

Song of Solomon 3

Upon my bed at night

I sought him whom my soul loves;

I sought him, but found him not;

I called him, but he gave no answer.

'I will rise now and go about the city,

in the streets and in the squares;

I will seek him whom my soul loves.'

I sought him, but found him not.

The sentinels found me,

as they went about in the city.

'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'

Scarcely had I passed them,

when I found him whom my soul loves.

I held him, and would not let him go

until I brought him into my mother's house,

and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,

by the gazelles or the wild does:

do not stir up or awaken love

until it is ready!

What is that coming up from the wilderness,

like a column of smoke,

perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,

with all the fragrant powders of the merchant?

Look, it is the litter of Solomon!

Around it are sixty mighty men

of the mighty men of Israel,

all equipped with swords

and expert in war,

each with his sword at his thigh

because of alarms by night.

King Solomon made himself a palanquin

from the wood of Lebanon.

He made its posts of silver,

its back of gold, its seat of purple;

its interior was inlaid with love.

Daughters of Jerusalem,

come out.

Look, O daughters of Zion,

at King Solomon,

at the crown with which his mother crowned him

on the day of his wedding,

on the day of the gladness of his heart.

Canticle

A Song of Faith, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 60 \(page 618\)](#) or [number 74 \(page 632\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.

1 Blessed be the God and Father ☩
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope ☩
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, ☩
kept in heaven for you,

4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, ☩
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors ☩
not with perishable things like silver or gold

6 But with the precious blood of Christ ☩
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, ☩
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

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 God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

AllThe Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

AllHe has become my salvation.

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

AllThe Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

from Psalm 118

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,
or [Great and Wonderful \(page 629\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

AllThe stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

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

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:

AllThe stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

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](#)

¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care

¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ

¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection

¶ Prisoners and captives

A form of prayer found [on page 382](#) 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

Lord of all life and power,

who through the mighty resurrection of your Son

overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin

and alive to you in Jesus Christ,

may reign with him in glory;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,

now and in all eternity.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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