

## ¶ Evening Prayer on Thursday

**Thursday, 5 September 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 Chosen One

1There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, □

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, □

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

3The spirit of counsel and might, □

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

4He shall not judge by what his eyes see, □

or decide by what his ears hear,

5But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, □

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

6The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, □

and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

7The calf, the lion and the fatling together, □

with a little child to lead them.

8They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, □

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11.1,2,3b-4a,6,9

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

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 18\*

Refrain: The Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

1 I love you, O Lord my strength. □

The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,

2 My God, my rock in whom I take refuge, □

my shield, the horn of my salvation and my stronghold.

3 I cried to the Lord in my anguish □

and I was saved from my enemies. R

4 The cords of death entwined me □

and the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

5 The cords of the Pit fastened about me □

and the snares of death entangled me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord □

and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice in his temple □

and my cry came to his ears. R

8 The earth trembled and quaked; □

the foundations of the mountains shook;

they reeled because he was angry.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils

and a consuming fire went out of his mouth; □

burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down □

and thick darkness was under his feet.

11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; □

he came flying on the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness his covering round about him, □

dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion. R

13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds □  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The Lord also thundered out of heaven; □  
the Most High uttered his voice  
with hailstones and coals of fire.

15 He sent out his arrows and scattered them; □  
he hurled down lightnings and put them to flight.

16 The springs of the ocean were seen,  
and the foundations of the world uncovered □  
at your rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your displeasure. R

17 He reached down from on high and took me; □  
he drew me out of the mighty waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, □  
from foes that were too mighty for me.

19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; □  
but the Lord was my upholder.

20 He brought me out into a place of liberty; □  
he rescued me because he delighted in me. R

21 The Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing; □  
according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me,

22 Because I had kept the ways of the Lord □  
and had not gone wickedly away from my God,

23 For I had an eye to all his laws, □  
and did not cast out his commandments from me.

24 I was also wholehearted before him □  
and kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me  
after my righteous dealing, □  
and according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. R

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful; □  
with the true you show yourself true;

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, □  
but with the crooked you show yourself perverse.

28 For you will save a lowly people □  
and bring down the high looks of the proud.

29 You also shall light my candle; □  
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

30 By your help I shall run at an enemy host; □  
with the help of my God I can leap over a wall. R

31 As for God, his way is perfect;  
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; □  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God but the Lord, □  
and who is the rock except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength □  
and makes my way perfect.

34 He makes my feet like hinds' feet □  
so that I tread surely on the heights.

35 He teaches my hands to fight □  
and my arms to bend a bow of bronze. R

36 You have given me the shield of your salvation; □  
your right hand upholds me  
and your grace has made me great.

37 You enlarge my strides beneath me, □  
yet my feet do not slide.

38 I will pursue my enemies and overtake them, □  
nor turn again until I have destroyed them.

39 I will smite them down so they cannot rise; □  
they shall fall beneath my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; □  
you will cast down my enemies under me;

41 You will make my foes turn their backs upon me □  
and I shall destroy them that hate me. R

42 They will cry out, but there shall be none to help them; □  
they will cry to the Lord, but he will not answer.

43 I shall beat them as small as the dust on the wind; □  
I will cast them out as the mire in the streets.

44 You will deliver me from the strife of the peoples; □  
you will make me the head of the nations.

45 A people I have not known shall serve me;  
as soon as they hear me, they shall obey me; □  
strangers will humble themselves before me.

46 The foreign peoples will lose heart □  
and come trembling out of their strongholds. R

47 The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock! □  
Praised be the God of my salvation,

48 Even the God who vindicates me □  
and subdues the peoples under me!

49 You that deliver me from my enemies,  
you will set me up above my foes; □  
from the violent you will deliver me;

50 Therefore will I give you thanks, O Lord, among the nations □  
and sing praises to your name,

51 To the one who gives great victory to his king □  
and shows faithful love to his anointed,  
to David and his seed for ever.

Refrain: The Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

From your royal throne, O God,  
you sent your living Word

to pierce the gloom of oppression;  
so, in our souls' night,  
come with your saving help  
and penetrate our darkness with the  
rays of your glory  
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.

## **Wisdom 4.7-end**

But the righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.  
For old age is not honoured for length of time,  
or measured by number of years;  
but understanding is grey hair for anyone,  
and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,  
and while living among sinners were taken up.  
They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding  
or guile deceive their souls.  
For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,  
and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.  
Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;  
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.  
Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,  
or take such a thing to heart,  
that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,  
and that he watches over his holy ones.

The righteous who have died will condemn the ungodly who are living,  
and youth that is quickly perfected will condemn the prolonged old age of the unrighteous.

For they will see the end of the wise,  
and will not understand what the Lord purposed for them,  
and for what he kept them safe.

The unrighteous will see, and will have contempt for them,  
but the Lord will laugh them to scorn.

After this they will become dishonoured corpses,  
and an outrage among the dead for ever;  
because he will dash them speechless to the ground,  
and shake them from the foundations;  
they will be left utterly dry and barren,  
and they will suffer anguish,  
and the memory of them will perish.

They will come with dread when their sins are reckoned up,  
and their lawless deeds will convict them to their face.

or [1 Chronicles 17](#)

## Canticle

Great and Wonderful, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 63 \(page 621\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, □  
Lord God the Almighty.

2 Just and true are your ways, □  
O ruler of the nations.

3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? □  
for you alone are holy.

4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: □  
for your just dealings have been revealed.



Revelation 15.3, 4

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

All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Mark 10.32-34

The disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

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

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

## Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,  
or [A Song of Christ's Appearing \(page 621\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

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 You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

## 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](#)

¶ Local government, community leaders

¶ All who provide local services

¶ Those who work with young or elderly people

¶ Schools, colleges and universities

¶ Emergency and rescue organizations

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 God,

whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

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.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

AllOur 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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