

## ¶ Evening Prayer

### Lent

**Thursday, 29 February 2024**

### 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 71**

Refrain: O God, be not far from me.

1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; □

let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; □

incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; □

send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, □

from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, □

my confidence, even from my youth.

6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,

when you drew me from my mother's womb; □

my praise shall be always of you. R

7 I have become a portent to many, □

but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise □

and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age; □

forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, □

and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;

pursue him and take him, □

because there is none to deliver him.'

12 O God, be not far from me; □

come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who are against me

be put to shame and disgrace; □

let those who seek to do me evil

be covered with scorn and reproach. R

14 But as for me I will hope continually □

and will praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness

and salvation all the day long, □

for I know no end of the telling.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; □

I will recall your righteousness, yours alone. R

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, □

and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 Forsake me not, O God,

when I am old and grey-headed, □

till I make known your deeds to the next generation

and your power to all that are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; □

in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?

20 What troubles and adversities you have shown me, □

and yet you will turn and refresh me

and bring me from the deep of the earth again.

21 Increase my honour; □

turn again and comfort me. R

22 Therefore will I praise you upon the harp

for your faithfulness, O my God; □

I will sing to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing out as I play to you, □

and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue also will tell of your righteousness all the day long, □

for they shall be shamed and disgraced

who sought to do me evil.

Refrain: O God, be not far from me.

Faithful Lord, living Saviour,

in youth and old age,

from the womb to the grave,  
may we know your protection  
and proclaim your great salvation  
to the glory of God the Father.

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 9.12-24**

Who is wise enough to understand this? To whom has the mouth of the Lord spoken, so that they may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? And the Lord says: Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, or walked in accordance with it, but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their ancestors taught them. Therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I am feeding this people with wormwood, and giving them poisonous water to drink. I will scatter them among nations that neither they nor their ancestors have known; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them.

Thus says the Lord of hosts:

Consider, and call for the mourning-women to come;

send for the skilled women to come;

let them quickly raise a dirge over us,

so that our eyes may run down with tears,

and our eyelids flow with water.

For a sound of wailing is heard from Zion:

'How we are ruined!

We are utterly shamed,

because we have left the land,

because they have cast down our dwellings.'

Hear, O women, the word of the Lord,

and let your ears receive the word of his mouth;

teach to your daughters a dirge,

and each to her neighbour a lament.  
'Death has come up into our windows,  
it has entered our palaces,  
to cut off the children from the streets  
and the young men from the squares.'

Speak! Thus says the Lord:

'Human corpses shall fall  
like dung upon the open field,  
like sheaves behind the reaper,  
and no one shall gather them.'

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

## 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.

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.

AllChrist 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.

## John 7.1-13

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. Now the Jewish festival of Booths was near. So his brothers said to him, 'Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing; for no one who wants to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.' (For not even his brothers believed in him.) Jesus said to them, 'My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil. Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going to this festival, for my time has not yet fully come.' After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but as it were in secret. The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, 'Where is he?' And there was considerable complaining about him among the crowds. While some were saying, 'He is a good man', others were saying, 'No, he is deceiving the crowd.' Yet no one would speak openly about him for fear of the Jews.

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.

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

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

AllBe not far from me, O my God.

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

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

from Psalm 38

## Gospel Canticle

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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