

¶ Evening Prayer on Tuesday

Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189 [Commemoration]

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 Mercy and Truth

1O God, will you not give us life again, □

that your people may rejoice in you?

2Show us your mercy, O Lord, □

and grant us your salvation.

3 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, □
that his glory may dwell in our land.

4 Mercy and truth are met together, □
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

5 Truth shall spring up from the earth □
and righteousness look down from heaven.

6 Righteousness shall go before him □
and direct his steps in the way.

Psalm 85.6, 7, 9-11, 13

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.

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 9

Refrain: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart; □

I will tell of all your marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; □

I will make music to your name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, □

they stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; □

you sat on your throne giving righteous judgement. R

5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; □

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 The enemy was utterly laid waste. □

You uprooted their cities;

their very memory has perished.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever; □

he has made fast his throne for judgement.

8 For he shall rule the world with righteousness □

and govern the peoples with equity.

9 Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, □

a refuge in the time of trouble.

10 And those who know your name will put their trust in you, □

for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you. R

11 Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; □

declare among the peoples the things he has done.

12 The avenger of blood has remembered them; □

he did not forget the cry of the oppressed.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; □

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,

you that lift me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion □

and rejoice in your salvation.

15 The nations shall sink into the pit of their making □
and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.

16 The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; □
the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands. R

17 They shall return to the land of darkness, □
all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten □
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; □
let the nations be judged before your face.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord, □
that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.

Refrain: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

Remember, Lord, all who cry to you
from death's dark gates;
do not forget those whom the world forgets,
but raise your faithful ones to Zion's gate,
with your all-conquering Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 10*

Refrain: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

1 Why stand so far off, O Lord? □
Why hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked in their pride persecute the poor; □
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire; □
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.

4 The wicked in their arrogance say, 'God will not avenge it'; □
in all their scheming God counts for nothing. R

5 They are stubborn in all their ways,
for your judgements are far above out of their sight; □
they scoff at all their adversaries.

6 They say in their heart, 'I shall not be shaken; □
no harm shall ever happen to me.'

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit and fraud; □
under their tongue lie mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in the outskirts
and in dark alleys they murder the innocent; □
their eyes are ever watching for the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in his den;
they lie in wait to seize the poor; □
they seize the poor when they get them into their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled before them; □
the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, 'God has forgotten; □
he hides his face away; he will never see it.' R

12 Arise, O Lord God, and lift up your hand; □
forget not the poor.

13 Why should the wicked be scornful of God? □
Why should they say in their hearts, 'You will not avenge it?'

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; □
you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, □
for you are the helper of the orphan.

16 Break the power of the wicked and malicious; □
search out their wickedness until you find none. R

17 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever; □
the nations shall perish from his land.

18 Lord, you will hear the desire of the poor; □
you will incline your ear to the fullness of their heart,

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, □
so that people are no longer driven in terror from the land.

Refrain: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

When wickedness triumphs
and the poor are betrayed,
come to your kingdom, strong and holy God,
destroy the masks of evil
and reign in our broken hearts;
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.

Exodus 29.38 - 30.16

Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old regularly each day. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer in the evening; and with the first lamb one-tenth of a measure of choice flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. And the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, and shall offer with it a grain-offering and its drink-offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing odour, an offering by fire to the Lord. It shall be a regular burnt-offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you, to speak to you there. I will meet the Israelites there, and it shall be sanctified by my glory; I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate, to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the Israelites, and I will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God.

You shall make an altar on which to offer incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. It shall be one cubit long, and one cubit wide; it shall be square, and shall be two cubits high; its horns shall be of one piece with it. You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, and its sides all round and its horns; and you shall make for it a moulding of gold all round. And you shall make two golden rings for it; under its moulding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall hold the poles with which to carry it. You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. You shall place it in front of the curtain that is above the ark of the covenant, in front of the mercy-seat that is over the covenant, where I will meet you. Aaron shall offer fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall offer it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening he shall offer it, a regular incense-offering before the Lord throughout your generations. You shall not offer unholy incense on it, or a burnt-offering, or a grain-offering; and you shall not pour a drink-offering on it. Once a year Aaron shall perform the rite of atonement on its horns. Throughout your generations he shall perform the atonement for it once a year with the blood of the atoning sin-offering. It is most

holy to the Lord.

The Lord spoke to Moses: When you take a census of the Israelites to register them, at registration all of them shall give a ransom for their lives to the Lord, so that no plague may come upon them for being registered. This is what each one who is registered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the Lord. Each one who is registered, from twenty years old and upwards, shall give the Lord's offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half-shekel, when you bring this offering to the Lord to make atonement for your lives. You shall take the atonement money from the Israelites and shall designate it for the service of the tent of meeting; before the Lord it will be a reminder to the Israelites of the ransom given for your lives.

Canticle

A Song of the Holy City, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 72 \(page 630\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth, □
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, □
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, □
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

4 He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, □
and God himself will be with them.

5 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, □
and death shall be no more.

6 Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more, □
for the former things have passed away.'

7 And the One who sat upon the throne said, □
'Behold, I make all things new.'

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 I saw the holy city

coming down out of heaven from God.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Philippians 1.12-end

I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments

All that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

from Psalm 119

Gospel Cantic

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

or [Great and Wonderful \(page 629\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You have mercy on those who fear you,

from generation to generation.

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,

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:

AllYou have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.

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](#)

¶ All who are sick in body, mind or spirit

¶ Those in the midst of famine or disaster

¶ Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice

¶ Those who are bereaved

¶ All who work in the medical and healing professions

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,

by whose grace alone we are accepted

and called to your service:

strengthen us by your Holy Spirit

and make us worthy of our calling;

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.

© [The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000–2005](#)

Official Common Worship apps, books and eBooks are available from [Church House Publishing](#).

The Bible readings (other than the psalms) are from *The New Revised Standard Version Anglicized Edition*, copyright 1989, 1995 Division of Christian Education of the [National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America](#). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Implemented by Simon Kershaw at [Crucix](#).

Implementation copyright © Simon Kershaw, 2002–2021.

[View other services](#)

[Copy to clipboard](#)

Source URL: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/evening-prayer-contemporary-tuesday-4-february-2025>