

☩ Morning Prayer

Passiontide

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

Tuesday of Holy Week

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

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 praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross

and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Lamentation

1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ☩

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

2 Which was brought upon me, ☩

which the Lord inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger.

3For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; □
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.

4Remember my affliction and my bitterness, □
the wormwood and the gall!

5But this I call to mind, □
and therefore I have hope:

6The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, □
his mercies never come to an end;

7They are new every morning; □
great is your faithfulness.

8'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, □
'therefore I will hope in him.'

9The Lord is good to those who wait for him, □
to the soul that seeks him.

10It is good that we should wait quietly □
for the salvation of the Lord.

11For the Lord will not reject for ever; □
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

12According to the abundance of his steadfast love; □
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12, 16a,b; 3.19, 21-26, 31-33

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 27

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? □

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, □
they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, □
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek; □
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ☩

and to seek his will in his temple.

6 For in the day of trouble

he shall hide me in his shelter; ☩

in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me

and set me high upon a rock.

7 And now shall he lift up my head ☩

above my enemies round about me;

8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation

with great gladness; ☩

I will sing and make music to the Lord. R

9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ☩

have mercy upon me and answer me.

10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ☩

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

11 Hide not your face from me, ☩

nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

12 You have been my helper; ☩

leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, ☩

the Lord will take me up.

14 Teach me your way, O Lord; ☩

lead me on a level path,

because of those who lie in wait for me.

15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, ☩

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and those who breathe out violence.

16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord ☩

in the land of the living.

17 Wait for the Lord;

be strong and he shall comfort your heart; ☩

wait patiently for the Lord.

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

God, our light and our salvation,
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of 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.

Lamentations 3.1-18

I am one who has seen affliction
under the rod of God's wrath;
he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;
against me alone he turns his hand,
again and again, all day long.

He has made my flesh and my skin waste away,
and broken my bones;
he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;
he has made me sit in darkness
like the dead of long ago.

He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has put heavy chains on me;

though I call and cry for help,
 he shuts out my prayer;
he has blocked my ways with hewn stones,
 he has made my paths crooked.

He is a bear lying in wait for me,
 a lion in hiding;
he led me off my way and tore me to pieces;
 he has made me desolate;
he bent his bow and set me
 as a mark for his arrow.

He shot into my vitals
 the arrows of his quiver;
I have become the laughing-stock of all my people,
 the object of their taunt-songs all day long.
He has filled me with bitterness,
 he has glutted me with wormwood.

He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
 and made me cower in ashes;
my soul is bereft of peace;
 I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, 'Gone is my glory,
 and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'

Canticle

A Song of the Lord's Gracious Deeds, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 23 \(page 574\)](#), [number 42 \(page 593\)](#) or [number 43 \(page 594\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.

1Who is this that comes from Edom, □
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

2Who is this in glorious apparel, ☩
marching in the greatness of his strength?

3'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ☩
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

4Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ☩
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?

5'I have trodden the winepress alone, ☩
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

6I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ☩
the praises of the Most High;

7All that God has done for us in his mercy, ☩
by his many acts of love.

8For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' ☩
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.

9So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ☩
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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the praises of the Most High.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Luke 22. [24-38] 39-53

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A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.' They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.']

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,
or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, □
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, □
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old □
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, □
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: □
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, □
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, □
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation □

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God □

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, □

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364–365](#)

¶ The persecuted Church

¶ The oppressed peoples of the world

¶ All who are lonely

¶ All who are near to death

¶ All who are facing loss

A form of prayer found [on page 381](#) 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 and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race

sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,

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)

Standing at the foot of the cross,

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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,

set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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