

## ¶ Evening Prayer on Friday

**Friday, 1 August 2025**

### 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:

All Blessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of Entreaty

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ☩

answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, ☩

for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 My spirit faints within me; ☩

my heart within me is desolate.

4I stretch out my hands to you; ☩  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

5O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ☩  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

6Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust; ☩  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

7Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ☩  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

8Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ☩  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Psalm 143.1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11

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 145

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, □  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you □  
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; □  
his greatness is beyond all searching out. R

4 One generation shall praise your works to another □  
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, □  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, □  
and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness □  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, □  
long-suffering and of great goodness. R

9 The Lord is loving to everyone □  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, □  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom □  
and speak of your mighty power,

12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts □  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; □  
your dominion endures throughout all ages. R

14 The Lord is sure in all his words □  
and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall □  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, □  
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand □  
and fill all things living with plenty. R

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways □  
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, □  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; □  
he hears their cry and saves them.

21 The Lord watches over those who love him, □  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, □  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

King of the universe,  
you show the bright glory of your reign  
in acts of mercy and enduring love;  
raise the spirits of the downcast  
and restore those who have fallen away,  
that we may sing for ever of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

## 1 Samuel 9.1-14

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. He had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul’s father, had strayed. So Kish said to his son Saul, ‘Take one of the boys with you; go and look for the donkeys.’ He passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through the land of Benjamin, but they did not find them.

When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to the boy who was with him, ‘Let us turn back, or my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and worry about us.’ But he said to him, ‘There is a man of God in this town; he is a man held in honour. Whatever he says always comes true. Let us go there now; perhaps he will tell us about the journey on which we have set out.’ Then Saul replied to the boy, ‘But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What have we?’ The boy answered Saul again, ‘Here, I have with me a quarter-shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God, to tell us our way.’ (Formerly in Israel, anyone who went to inquire of God would say, ‘Come, let us go to the seer’; for the one who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.) Saul said to the boy, ‘Good; come, let us go.’ So they went to the town where the man of God was.

As they went up the hill to the town, they met some girls coming out to draw water, and said to them, ‘Is the seer here?’ They answered, ‘Yes, there he is just ahead of you. Hurry; he has come just now to the town, because the people have a sacrifice today at the shrine. As soon as you enter the town, you will find him, before he goes up to the shrine to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterwards those eat who are invited. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately.’ So they went up to the town. As they were entering the town, they saw Samuel coming out towards them on his way up to the shrine.

## Canticle

A Song of the Justified, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 61 \(page 619\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

AllOur hope is not in vain,  
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts.

1 God reckons as righteous those who believe, □  
who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead;

2 For Christ was handed over to death for our sins, □  
and raised to life for our justification.

3 Since we are justified by faith, □  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Through Christ we have gained access  
to the grace in which we stand, □  
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.

5 We even exult in our sufferings, □  
for suffering produces endurance,

6 And endurance brings hope, □  
and our hope is not in vain,

7 Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, □  
through the Holy Spirit, given to us.

8 God proves his love for us: □  
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

9 Since we have been justified by his death, □  
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath.

10 Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, □  
in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 8, 9, 11

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 Our hope is not in vain,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Luke 22.1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, ‘Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.’ They asked him, ‘Where do you want us to make preparations for it?’ ‘Listen,’ he said to them, ‘when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.’ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

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.  
All  
Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.  
Make haste to help me,  
O Lord of my salvation.  
All  
Be not far from me, O my God.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
All  
Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.

from Psalm 38

## Gospel Cantic

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

Refrain:

All  
You have scattered the proud in their conceit,  
and lifted up the lowly.

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 scattered the proud in their conceit,  
and lifted up the lowly.

# 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](#)

¶ The King, members of parliament and the armed forces

¶ Peace and justice in the world

¶ Those who work for reconciliation

¶ All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife

¶ Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

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

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you

such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you in all things and above all things,

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

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.  
AllThanks be to God.

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