



## Evening Prayer in Lent

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

*We remain seated for the whole of the service.*

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Hear our voice, ○ Lord, according to your faithful love,  
**according to your judgement give us life.**

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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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, ○ 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.

**Amen**

### **The Word of God** *Psalmody*

*Psalm 28*

1  
To you I call, ○ Lord my rock; be not deaf to my cry, ◆  
lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go  
down to the Pit.

2  
Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, ◆  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3  
Do not snatch me away with the wicked, with the  
evildoers, ◆  
who speak peaceably with their neighbours, while malice  
is in their hearts.

4  
Repay them according to their deeds ◆  
and according to the wickedness of their devices.

5  
Reward them according to the work of their hands ♦  
and pay them their just deserts.

6  
They take no heed of the Lord's doings, nor of the  
works of his hands; ♦  
therefore shall he break them down and not build them  
up.

7  
Blessed be the Lord, ♦  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8  
The Lord is my strength and my shield; ♦  
my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;

9  
Therefore my heart dances for joy ♦  
and in my song will I praise him.

10  
The Lord is the strength of his people, ♦  
a safe refuge for his anointed.

11  
Save your people and bless your inheritance; ♦  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

*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.**

*Old Testament Reading  
Jeremiah 5.20-end*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah,  
Chapter 5, starting at the 20<sup>th</sup> verse:

Declare this in the house of Jacob,  
proclaim it in Judah:  
Hear this, O foolish and senseless people,  
who have eyes, but do not see,  
who have ears, but do not hear.  
Do you not fear me? says the Lord;  
Do you not tremble before me?  
I placed the sand as a boundary for the sea,  
a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass;  
though the waves toss, they cannot prevail,  
though they roar, they cannot pass over it.  
But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart;  
they have turned aside and gone away.  
They do not say in their hearts,  
'Let us fear the Lord our God,  
who gives the rain in its season,  
the autumn rain and the spring rain,  
and keeps for us  
the weeks appointed for the harvest.'

Your iniquities have turned these away,  
and your sins have deprived you of good.  
For scoundrels are found among my people;  
they take over the goods of others.  
Like fowlers they set a trap;  
they catch human beings.  
Like a cage full of birds,  
their houses are full of treachery;  
therefore they have become great and rich,  
they have grown fat and sleek.  
They know no limits in deeds of wickedness;  
they do not judge with justice  
the cause of the orphan, to make it prosper,  
and they do not defend the rights of the needy.  
Shall I not punish them for these things?  
says the Lord,  
and shall I not bring retribution  
on a nation such as this?  
An appalling and horrible thing  
has happened in the land:  
the prophets prophesy falsely,  
and the priests rule as the prophets direct;  
my people love to have it so,  
but what will you do when the end comes?

*Canticle*  
*1 Peter 2.21b-25*

*All say the refrain:*

**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.

*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.**

**Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.**

A reading from the Gospel According to St John, Chapter 5, starting at the 30<sup>th</sup> verse:

Jesus said, 'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

*Responsory [from Psalm 38]*

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

Make haste to help me,  
O Lord of my salvation.  
**Be not far from me, O my God.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Forsake me not, O Lord;**  
**be not far from me, O my God.**

*Gospel Canticle*  
*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*  
*Luke 1.46-55*

*All say the refrain:*

**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.

*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.**

**Come, let us return to the Lord, for our God will richly pardon.**

***Additional Prayers***

*The service leader offers additional prayers and this response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*The Collect of the day*

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the  
 wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to  
 your Spirit;  
 and, as you know our weakness,  
 so may we know your power to save;  
 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.  
**Amen**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
 as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

*The Conclusion*

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We observe silence for a short time*