

# An Order for Evening Prayer on Trinity 3 - 28th June 2020

## Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Lead your people to freedom, ○ God.  
**And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

## *The minister may say*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## *The following or another authorised confession and absolution is used -*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought,  
word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with  
you, our God.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## *This prayer of thanksgiving may be said*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious, as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## *An opening hymn may be sung.*

Come, wounded Healer, your sufferings reveal:  
the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.  
Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul  
to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.

Come, hated Lover, and gather us near,  
your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:  
where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,  
your loving acceptance makes hope live again!

Come, broken Victor, condemned to a cross -  
how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!  
Your willing agreement to share in our strife  
transforms our despair into fullness of life.  
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The day is almost over, and the evening has come;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

## *Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, ○ God,  
so may your Spirit come down upon us to set us free to sing your praise  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Word of God

**Psalm Reading 56**

## **In God I trust, and will not fear.**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, for they trample over me; ♦ all day long they assault and oppress me.

<sup>2</sup> My adversaries trample over me all the day long; ♦ many are they that make proud war against me.

<sup>3</sup> In the day of my fear I put my trust in you, ♦ in God whose word I praise.

<sup>4</sup> In God I trust, and will not fear, ♦ for what can flesh do to me?

## **In God I trust, and will not fear.**

<sup>5</sup> All day long they wound me with words; ♦ their every thought is to do me evil.

<sup>6</sup> They stir up trouble; they lie in wait; ♦ marking my steps, they seek my life.

<sup>7</sup> Shall they escape for all their wickedness? ♦ In anger, O God, cast the peoples down.

<sup>8</sup> You have counted up my groaning; put my tears into your bottle; ♦ are they not written in your book?

## **In God I trust, and will not fear.**

<sup>9</sup> Then shall my enemies turn back on the day when I call upon you; ♦ this I know, for God is on my side.

<sup>10</sup> In God whose word I praise, in the Lord whose word I praise, ♦ in God I trust and will not fear what can flesh do to me?

<sup>11</sup> To you, O God, will I fulfil my vows; ♦ to you will I present my offerings of thanks,

<sup>12</sup> For you will deliver my soul from death and my feet from falling, ♦ that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

## **In God I trust, and will not fear.**

Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee ...

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ...

## **First Reading**

### **2 Samuel 2: 1-11, 3: 1**

In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked.

The LORD said, "Go up."

David asked, "Where shall I go?"

"To Hebron," the LORD answered.

<sup>2</sup> So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. <sup>3</sup> David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron and its towns. <sup>4</sup> Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the tribe of Judah.

When David was told that it was the men from Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul, <sup>5</sup> he sent messengers to them to say to them, "The LORD bless you for showing this kindness to Saul your master by burying him. <sup>6</sup> May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favour because you have done this. <sup>7</sup> Now then, be strong and brave, for Saul your master is dead, and the people of Judah have anointed me king over them."

<sup>8</sup> Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. <sup>9</sup> He made him king over Gilead, Ashuri and Jezreel, and also over Ephraim, Benjamin and all Israel.

<sup>10</sup> Ish-Bosheth son of Saul was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he reigned two years. The tribe of Judah, however, remained loyal to David. <sup>11</sup> The length of time David was king in Hebron over Judah was seven years and six months.

<sup>3</sup> The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

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

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The Magnificat, The 'Song of Mary' may be said or sung - (Luke 1.46-55)

**With Mary let my soul rejoice,  
and praise God's holy name  
his saving love from first to last,  
from age to age, the same!**

**How strong his arm, how great his power!  
the proud he will disown;  
the meek and humble he exalts  
to share his glorious throne.**

**The rich our God will send away  
and feed the hungry poor;  
the arms of love remain outstretched  
at mercy's open door.**

**So shall God's promise be fulfilled,  
to Israel firmly made:  
a child is born, a Son is given  
whose crown will never fade.**

**All glory to the Father, Son  
and Spirit now proclaim;  
with Mary let the world rejoice  
and praise God's holy name!**

After Magnificat, David Mowbray (born 1938) © David Mowbray/Jubilate Hymns CM

## **Gospel Reading Luke 18: 31- 19: 10**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup> He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; <sup>33</sup> they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

<sup>34</sup> The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

<sup>35</sup> As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

<sup>36</sup> When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

<sup>38</sup> He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>39</sup> Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

<sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

**19** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Canticle, The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon) may be said or sung*

**Lord now let your servant**  
Go his way in peace.  
Your great love has brought me  
Joy that will not cease.

For my eyes have seen Him  
Promised from of old.  
Saviour of His People,  
Shepherd of one fold.

Light of revelation  
To the Gentiles shown,  
Light of Israel's glory  
To the World made known.  
Glory to the Father  
And His Only Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
Ever Three In One.

*A sermon is preached*

- AMEN

*The Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered. -*

We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus and the resulting lock-down. Guide our national and world leaders as they seek answers to the many problems. Give the medical scientists and researchers as they develop new medicines and treatments the understanding and skills needed. Strengthen and guide those who work in Hospitals, Care Homes and who care for others in their own homes. We thank you for their dedication and service, often given without concern for their own safety.

Strengthen and protect all our families, loved ones and friends, especially those who are elderly and infirm.

We pray for... Sylvia, Matthew, Jean, Terry, Alex, Dougie, Nellie, Flo, Aiden, Kath, Barbara, Alan, Andrew, Kay, Baby Lucas, Jonathan, Sheila, Cliff, Stephen, Ken, Diane, Sheila, Jessie and Arthur, Peter, Gerry, Cybil, Andrew, Shannon, Susan, Gracie Mae, Dennis, Gemma, Elaine, Baby Rory, Andy, Jean, Nickie and Roy & Linda and Hilda.

**Those who have recently died:**

Lorna and Audrey

*The Collect for the day,*

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

*A Hymn is Sung...*

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come. Charlotte Elliott

## The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Grace*

**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.**