

Evening Prayer

Wednesday



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O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of God's Descending

I love you, O Lord my strength.
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.
In my distress I called upon the Lord
and cried out to my God for help.
He heard my voice in his temple
and my cry came to his ears.
He parted the heavens and came down
and thick darkness was under his feet.
He rode upon the cherubim and flew;
he came flying on the wings of the wind.
He made darkness his covering round about him,
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
The Lord also thundered out of heaven;
the Most High uttered his voice
with hailstones and coals of fire.
For you will save a lowly people
and bring down the high looks of the proud.
You also shall light my candle;
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.
As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire;
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1,6,7,10-14,28,29,31

**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.**

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 Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, in the city of our God.

His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, the joy of all the earth.

On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, stands the city of the great king.

In her palaces God has shown himself to be a sure refuge.

For behold, the kings of the earth assembled and swept forward together.

They saw, and were dumbfounded; dismayed, they fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

**As we had heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:
God has established her for ever.**

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**As with your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of justice.**

Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgements, O Lord.

**Walk about Zion and go round about her; count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,**

That you may tell those who come after that such is our God for ever and ever.

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-end

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Canticle

The Magnificat

Remember your promise of mercy, to Abraham and his children for ever

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for
me and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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.**

Remember your promise of mercy, to Abraham and his children for ever

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families, our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.
Thanks be to God.

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