

## ☩ Morning Prayer

### Passiontide

Thursday, 28 March 2024

### Maundy Thursday

#### 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.  
AllAmen.

# The Word of God

## Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

## Psalm 42

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, □  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; □  
when shall I come before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my bread day and night, □  
while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’

4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: □  
how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, □  
among those who kept holy day.

6 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, □  
and why are you so disquieted within me?*

7 *O put your trust in God; □  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

8 My soul is heavy within me; □  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,

and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.

9 Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; □  
all your breakers and waves have gone over me.

10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; □  
through the night his song will be with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I say to God my rock,  
‘Why have you forgotten me, □  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?’

12 As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; □  
while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’

13 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? □  
and why are you so disquieted within me?*

14 *O put your trust in God; □  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

Come, creator Spirit, source of life;  
sustain us when our hearts are heavy  
and our wells have run dry,  
for you are the Father’s gift,  
with him who is our living water,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 43

1 Give judgement for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; □  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my refuge;  
why have you cast me from you, □  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

3 O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, □  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,

4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; □  
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, □  
and why are you so disquieted within me?*

6 *O put your trust in God; □  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

Come, creator Spirit, light and truth;  
bring us to the altar of life  
and renew our joy and gladness  
in 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.

## Leviticus 16.2-24

The Lord said to Moses:

Tell your brother Aaron not to come just at any time into the sanctuary inside the curtain before the mercy-seat that is upon the ark, or he will die; for I appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bull for a sin-offering and a ram for a burnt-offering. He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and shall have the linen undergarments next to his body, fasten the linen sash, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy vestments. He shall bathe his body in water, and then put them on. He shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin-offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting; and Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel. Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord, and offer it as a sin-offering; but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the Lord to make

atonement over it, so that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

Aaron shall present the bull as a sin-offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house; he shall slaughter the bull as a sin-offering for himself. He shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of crushed sweet incense, and he shall bring it inside the curtain and put the incense on the fire before the Lord, so that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the covenant, or he will die. He shall take some of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat he shall sprinkle the blood with his finger seven times.

He shall slaughter the goat of the sin-offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the curtain, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it upon the mercy-seat and before the mercy-seat. Thus he shall make atonement for the sanctuary, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel, and because of their transgressions, all their sins; and so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which remains with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. No one shall be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the sanctuary until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement on its behalf, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat, and put it on each of the horns of the altar. He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and hallow it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

When he has finished atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region; and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness.

Then Aaron shall enter the tent of meeting, and shall take off the linen vestments that he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there. He shall bathe his body in water in a holy place, and put on his vestments; then he shall come out and offer his burnt-offering and the burnt-offering of the people, making atonement for himself and for the people.

## 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?

5I 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

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.

AllI will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
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 23.1-25

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by

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teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’

Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
Allby your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
AllWe adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
AllBy your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.  
God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
AllWe 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:



AllChrist loved those who were his,  
and showed them how deep was his love for them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8To give his people knowledge of salvation □  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God □  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

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.

Refrain:

All Christ loved those who were his,  
and showed them how deep was his love for them.

# 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.  
AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
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)

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
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

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.  
  
AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
  
AllThanks be to God.

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