

EVENING WORSHIP IN LENT – SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All 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.

All 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, 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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 119.17-32

3 Gimel

17 O do good to your servant that I may live, ♦
and so shall I keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see ♦
the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth; ♦
hide not your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times ♦
with fervent longing for your judgements.

21 You have rebuked the arrogant; ♦
cursed are those who stray from your commandments.

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, ♦
for I have kept your testimonies.

23 Rulers also sit and speak against me, ♦
but your servant meditates on your statutes.

24 For your testimonies are my delight; ♦
they are my faithful counsellors.

4 Daleth

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; ♦
O give me life according to your word.

26 I have acknowledged my ways and you have answered me; ♦
O teach me your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, ♦
and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul melts away in tears of sorrow; ♦
raise me up according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of falsehood; ♦
be gracious to me through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth ♦
and your judgements have I laid before me.
31 I hold fast to your testimonies; ♦
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.
32 I will run the way of your commandments, ♦
when you have set my heart at liberty.

**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.**

Scripture Reading – Luke 13.31-end

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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

The Magnificat

All 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.

Luke 1.46–55

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Prayers

Intercessions

The Collect

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. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All 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

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

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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