



# Lichfield Bishops' Clergy Conference

## Evening Prayer

### Easter Season

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

*One or more of the following is said or sung:  
this or another prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death  
you brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
Through him dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light  
may our lives reflect his glory  
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

#### Hymn

##### **Ye choirs of new Jerusalem**

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*This opening prayer may be said*

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**

Psalmody

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*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.*

Canticle

Refrain:

**All God raised Christ from the dead,  
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith,  
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors  
not with perishable things like silver or gold

- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ  
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

*1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21*

**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.**

**All God raised Christ from the dead,  
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

Scripture Reading

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*

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

The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

**All The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

**All He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**All The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.**

*from Psalm 118*

*Gospel Canticle*

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said*

*Refrain:*

**All The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

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 throne  
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*

**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.**

**All The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

## **Prayers**

*Thanksgiving may be made for the day.*

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

*The cycle here and the prayer here may be used.*

*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*

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

**The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**