



**A LATE EVENING OFFICE  
FOR USE AT HOME  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Tuesday in Holy Week**

Blessed be our God for all time, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Glory to you, our God, glory be to you,  
Holy Spirit, Comforter,  
treasure of all goodness and giver of life,  
come and dwell in us,  
cleanse us from all sin,  
and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

#### **PSALM 134**

Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord:  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.  
Lift up your hands towards the holy place:  
and bless the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion:  
the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY: 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ♦  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, ♦  
they stumbled and fell.  
Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, ♦  
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: ♦  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦  
and to seek his will in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.  
And now shall he lift up my head ♦  
above my enemies round about me;  
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; ♦  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ♦  
have mercy upon me and answer me.  
My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ♦  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me, ♦  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; ♦  
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me, ♦  
the Lord will take me up.  
Teach me your way, O Lord; ♦  
lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.  
Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, ♦  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out violence.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord ♦  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; ♦  
wait patiently for the Lord.

Glory be to the Father:  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 22:39-71**

Jesus came out of the upper room in which he and the disciples had eaten the Passover and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father:

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption:

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church. Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism, together with their teachers, sponsors and families. Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

## COLLECT OF TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer pain and loss for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LENT COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR HEALTH WORKERS, CARE WORKERS AND KEY WORKERS:

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless all doctors, nurses, anaesthetists and hospital personnel who are called to care for the sick, especially those suffering from the Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in Nursing homes, and who attend those in need of care in the community. Protect all who work in essential shops, and businesses and supply companies. Help each to remember that they are fellow-workers with you; and give them such patience, skill and love that they may bring healing and comfort to those who they serve, and their loved ones.

Guard them in their work from themselves contracting the virus, and watch over their families and loved ones in their anxiety for them. We ask this in the name of the one who spent himself for others with no thought for himself, even our Great Healer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **COMMON COLLECT**

**Lord Almighty,  
come and scatter the darkness of our hearts  
by the light of your presence;  
that we may know you  
the Light of the world  
and the one true God,  
blessed this day and for evermore. Amen.**

#### **HYMN: 220**

**Glory be to Jesus,  
who, in bitter pains,  
poured for me the life-blood  
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find:  
blessed be his compassion  
infinitely kind.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies,  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.**

**When that blood is sprinkled  
on our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
terror-struck departs.**

**When this earth exulting  
lifts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.**

**Raise your thankful voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.**

*Words: Italian (c.1815) tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

*Tune: CASWALL Melody by Friedrich Filitz (1804-76) in his Choralbuch (1847)*

#### **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

## **Belfast Cathedral Closure**

We regret that, due to current restrictions  
as a result of the Covid-19 virus, Belfast Cathedral is closed.

Please continue to watch the website  
for up to date news and online prayer resources.

## **HOLY WEEK 2020**

### **Each Day to Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Holy Week Services for you to use at home each day  
are available to download from the Cathedral Website.

Please also join us on the Cathedral Facebook page for a Live Streaming of  
**Evening Prayers for Wednesday of Holy Week and Maundy Thursday at 4.30pm.**  
**Also a Live Stream of the Seven Words of Christ from the Cross of Calvary**  
**from 12 noon – 1pm**  
**on Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April is Easter Day.**  
**Please join us for an Easter Day Service of Resurrection Hope**  
**Streamed on the Cathedral Facebook Page**  
**At 11.00am.**

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