



EVENING PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME

Sunday 28th March 2021
The Sixth Sunday in Lent:
Palm Sunday

OPENING RESPONSES:

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM: 69:1-20

Save me, O God *
for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.
I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is *
I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.
I am weary of crying; my throat is dry *
my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.
They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head *
they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.
I paid them the things that I never took *
God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.
Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause *
let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.
And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof *
shame hath covered my face.
I am become a stranger unto my brethren *
even an alien unto my mother's children.
For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me *
and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.
I wept, and chastened myself with fasting *
and that was turned to my reproof.
I put on sackcloth also *
and they jested upon me.
They that sit in the gate speak against me *
and the drunkards make songs upon me.
But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee *
in an acceptable time.
Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy *
even in the truth of thy salvation.
Take me out of the mire, that I sink not *
○ let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up *
and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable *
turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.
And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble *
○ haste thee, and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it *
O deliver me, because of mine enemies.
Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour *
mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

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and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
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world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

MAGNIFICAT:

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
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SECOND LESSON: Mark 12:1-12

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?"

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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.
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world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
In earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS

Prayers on Palm Sunday, selected from 'Prayers for the Christian Year' (OUP, 1935)

Almighty God, whose mercies are everlasting, and whose grace is infinite; remember us with the favour thou bearest unto thy people. As on this day we call to mind our Lord's triumphal entry into the city that was to reject him, we beseech thee to give us such grace that we may welcome and crown him, our Lord and King for evermore.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the city where thou wast to die; enter our hearts, we beseech thee, and subdue them wholly to thyself. Bring us into the fellowship of the meek and lowly, that, glorying in thee alone, we may follow thee with true hosannas. And as thy faithful disciples blessed thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at thy feet all we have and are, and to bless thee, who comest in the name of the Lord. And grant that after we have confessed and worshipped thee on earth, we may be among the number of those who at the last shall hail thine eternal triumph, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before thee, and every tongue confess that thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord of our life and God of our salvation, we surround thy throne with thanksgiving for thy mercy to us and to all people, for the blessings of thy providence, and for thine infinite grace. It is meet that at all times we should bless thee, for day by day we live by thy bounty, and thy gifts to us never cease. We magnify thy name for thine unspeakable gift in Jesus Christ thy Son, and for thy purpose of love towards all people which he gave his life to fulfil. More especially, this day, we praise thee for the faithfulness with which he trod the way of thy will, and the grace with which he endured the contradiction of sinners. For his gentleness under provocation, his patience under affliction, his meekness alike in honour and in contempt, we bless thee; and for the cross he bore and the death he died, we would praise thee without end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the beginning of Holy Week

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may approach with reverence to the meditation of those mighty acts whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Dean's suggested Lenten prayer

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer (1588)

Pause for **SILENT REFLECTION**

A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

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.

Hymns suitable for use at home:

ICH 327

Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious Name.

Here, gracious God, come now,
and evermore draw near;
accept each faithful vow
and mark each earnest prayer;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
your blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Words: Latin c. 7th century, tr. John Chandler (1806-76)
Tune: HAREWOOD Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

ICH 66

Before the ending of the day,
creator of the world,
we pray that thou with wonted love
wouldst keep thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
or phantoms of the night appear;
our ghostly enemy restrain,
lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Passiontide Doxology

To thee, O saving Three in One,
let homage due by all be done;
and grant us, by the cross restored,
to share Victor's great reward. Amen.

Words: verses 1-3 (Ferial) Latin, before 8th century tr. By the Compilers of Hymns A. & M. Seasonal Doxologies from 'Celebrating Common Prayer' altd.

Tune: TALLIS'S CANON Melody and most of harmony by Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85); abridged to LM in Thomas Ravencroft's Psalms (London, 1621)