

**Evening Prayer from
The Book of Common Prayer**

Thursday, 1 October 2020 (Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 533)

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O 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.

Psalmody

At the end of each psalm these words are said:

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.**

Psalm 6

1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation
neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled
but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul
O save me for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee
and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed
and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble
and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity
for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition
the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed
they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 7

1 O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust
save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

2 Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces
while there is none to help.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing
or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me
yea, I have delivered him that without any cause
is mine enemy;

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me
yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth,
and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself,
because of the indignation of mine enemies;
arise up for me in the judgement that thou
hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee
for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.

8 The Lord shall judge the people;
give sentence with me, O Lord;
according to my righteousness,
and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end
but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God
trieth the very hearts and reins.

11 My help cometh of God
who preserveth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong, and patient
and God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

15 Behold, he travaileth with mischief
he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.

16 He hath graven and digged up a pit
and is fallen himself into the destruction
that he made for another.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head
and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord,
according to his righteousness
and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Governor,
how excellent is thy Name in all the world
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings
hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies;
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

- 3 For I will consider thy heavens,
even the works of thy fingers
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels
to crown him with glory and worship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of
the works of thy hands
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
- 7 All sheep and oxen
yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord our Governor
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

First Reading: Wisdom 16.15-17.1

To escape from your hand is impossible;
for the ungodly, refusing to know you,
were flogged by the strength of your arm,
pursued by unusual rains and hail and relentless storms,
and utterly consumed by fire.
For—most incredible of all—in water, which quenches all
things, the fire had still greater effect,
for the universe defends the righteous.

At one time the flame was restrained, so that it might not
consume the creatures sent against the ungodly,
but that seeing this they might know
that they were being pursued by the judgement of God;
and at another time even in the midst of water it burned more
intensely than fire,
to destroy the crops of the unrighteous land.
Instead of these things you gave your people food of angels,
and without their toil you supplied them from heaven with
bread ready to eat,
providing every pleasure and suited to every taste.
For your sustenance manifested your sweetness towards
your children;
and the bread, ministering to the desire of the one who took it,
was changed to suit everyone's liking.
Snow and ice withstood fire without melting,
so that they might know that the crops of their enemies
were being destroyed by the fire that blazed in the hail
and flashed in the showers of rain;
whereas the fire, in order that the righteous might be fed,
even forgot its native power.
For creation, serving you who made it, exerts itself to punish
the unrighteous,
and in kindness relaxes on behalf of those who trust in you.
Therefore at that time also, changed into all forms,
it served your all-nourishing bounty,
according to the desire of those who had need,

so that your children, whom you loved, O Lord, might learn that it is not the production of crops that feeds humankind but that your word sustains those who trust in you. For what was not destroyed by fire was melted when simply warmed by a fleeting ray of the sun, to make it known that one must rise before the sun to give you thanks, and must pray to you at the dawning of the light; for the hope of an ungrateful person will melt like wintry frost, and flow away like waste water.

Great are your judgements and hard to describe; therefore uninstructed souls have gone astray.

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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.**

Second Reading: Mark 13.14-23

‘But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; someone on the housetop must not go down or enter the house to take anything away; someone in the field must not turn back to get a coat. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it may not be in winter. For in those days there will be suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, no, and never will be. And if the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he has cut short those days. And if anyone says to you at that time, “Look! Here is the Messiah!” or “Look! There he is!”—do not believe it. False

messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything.

Nunc dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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and to the Holy Ghost;
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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 Ghost,
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 Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers

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.

A time of silent prayer

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee,
let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church;
and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour,
preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The 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.

The 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.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.**

Amen.