

¶ Evening Prayer on Wednesday

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

ALIO Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of God's Descending

1 I love you, O Lord my strength. ♦
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.

**2 In my distress I called upon the Lord ♦
and cried out to my God for help.**

3 He heard my voice in his temple ♦
and my cry came to his ears.

**4 He parted the heavens and came down ♦
and thick darkness was under his feet.**

5 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ♦
he came flying on the wings of the wind.

**6 He made darkness his covering round about him, ♦
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ♦
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**8The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ♦
the Most High uttered his voice
with hailstones and coals of fire.**

9For you will save a lowly people ♦
and bring down the high looks of the proud.

**10You also shall light my candle; ♦
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.**

11As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ♦
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1, 6, 7 ,10-14, 28, 29, 31

**AllGlory 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.**

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 59

Refrain: You, O God, are my strong tower.

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; ♦
set me high above those that rise up against me.

**2 Save me from the evildoers ♦
and from murderous foes deliver me.**

3 For see how they lie in wait for my soul ♦
and the mighty stir up trouble against me.

**4 Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord; ♦
for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.**

5 Rouse yourself, come to my aid and see; ♦
for you are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.

**6 Awake, and judge all the nations; ♦
show no mercy to the evil traitors. R**

7 They return at nightfall and snarl like dogs ♦
and prowl about the city.

**8 They pour out evil words with their mouths;
swords are on their lips; ♦
'For who', they say, 'can hear us?'**

9 But you laugh at them, O Lord; ♦
you hold all the nations in derision.

**10 For you, O my strength, will I watch; ♦
you, O God, are my strong tower.**

11 My God in his steadfast love will come to me; ♦
he will let me behold the downfall of my enemies. R

**12 Slay them not, lest my people forget; ♦
send them reeling by your might
and bring them down, O Lord our shield.**

13 For the sins of their mouth, for the words of their lips, ♦
let them be taken in their pride.

**14 For the cursing and falsehood they have uttered, ♦
consume them in wrath, consume them till they are no more.**

15 And they shall know that God rules in Jacob, ♦
and to the ends of the earth. R

**16 And still they return at nightfall and snarl like dogs ♦
and prowl about the city.**

17 Though they forage for something to devour, ♦
and howl if they are not filled,

**18 Yet will I sing of your strength ♦
and every morning praise your steadfast love;**

19 For you have been my stronghold, ♦
my refuge in the day of my trouble.

**20 To you, O my strength, will I sing; ♦
for you, O God, are my refuge,
my God of steadfast love.**

**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.

Job 9:1-16

9 Then Job answered:

² 'Indeed I know that this is so;

but how can a mortal be just before God?

³ If one wished to contend with him,

one could not answer him once in a thousand.

⁴ He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength

—who has resisted him, and succeeded?—

⁵ he who removes mountains, and they do not know it,

when he overturns them in his anger;

⁶ who shakes the earth out of its place,

and its pillars tremble;

⁷ who commands the sun, and it does not rise;

who seals up the stars;

⁸ who alone stretched out the heavens

and trampled the waves of the Sea;^[a]

⁹ who made the Bear and Orion,

the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;

¹⁰ who does great things beyond understanding,

and marvellous things without number.

¹¹ Look, he passes by me, and I do not see him;

he moves on, but I do not perceive him.

¹² He snatches away; who can stop him?

Who will say to him, "What are you doing?"

- ¹³ 'God will not turn back his anger;
the helpers of Rahab bowed beneath him.
- ¹⁴ How then can I answer him,
choosing my words with him?
- ¹⁵ Though I am innocent, I cannot answer him;
I must appeal for mercy to my accuser. ^[b]
- ¹⁶ If I summoned him and he answered me,
I do not believe that he would listen to my voice.

Canticle

A Song of the Blessed

Refrain:

**All Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, 
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 **Blessed are those who mourn, **
for they shall be comforted.

3 Blessed are the meek, 
for they shall inherit the earth.

4 **Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness, **
for they shall be satisfied.

5 Blessed are the merciful, 
for they shall obtain mercy.

**6Blessed are the pure in heart, ♦
for they shall see God.**

**7Blessed are the peacemakers, ♦
for they shall be called children of God.**

**8Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5.3-10

**AllGlory 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.**

**AllRejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:57-end

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus [\[m\]](#) said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Reflection

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

**All Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.

**4He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**5Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.**

**6He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.**

**7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,**

**8The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1.46-55

**AllGlory 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.**

**AllRemember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362–363](#)

- ¶ The social services
- ¶ All who work in the criminal justice system
- ¶ Victims and perpetrators of crime
- ¶ The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- ¶ Those living in poverty or under oppression

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362–371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**AllOur 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

**All 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.**

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

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