

Evening Prayer in Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All according to your judgement give us life.

This or another prayer of thanksgiving is said or sung:

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

An opening prayer

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 psalm for the day is said.

Week beginning 23 March:

Monday:	Psalm 25
Tuesday:	Psalm 85
Wednesday:	Psalm 131
Thursday:	Psalm 94
Friday:	Psalm 13
Saturday:	Psalm 140

A new set of prayers and psalms will be issued for Passiontide, which begins on the 5th Sunday of Lent, 29 March 2020.

Each psalm 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.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Week beginning 23 March:

Monday:	Jeremiah 17.5-18; John 9.18-end
Tuesday:	Genesis 3.8-15; Galatians 4.1-15 (Eve of the Annunciation)
Wednesday*:	Isaiah 52.1-12; Hebrews 2.5-18
Thursday:	Jeremiah 19.1-13; John 10.22-end
Friday:	Jeremiah 19.14-20.6; John 11.1-16
Saturday:	Jeremiah 20.7-end; John 11.17-27

* The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is said,

**All Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

- 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 thrones
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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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for our God will richly pardon.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

Lord, in your mercy

or

Lord, hear us.

hear our prayer.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The following prayer is said

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

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