

Thy Kingdom Come

Evening Prayer

Thursday in Ascensiontide

May 28, 2020

Instructions:

Please mute your microphone as we begin.
There will be one responder unmuted but please
respond audibly in your own space.

O God, make speed to save us.

A// **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

A// **and clothe us with power from on high.
Alleluia.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your
greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting. ♦
You make darkness that it may be night.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are
created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my
being

Psalms 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35

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

A// **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.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 139

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

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- 4 You encompass me behind and before ♦
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦
so high that I cannot attain it. *R*
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 8 If I take the wings of the morning ♦
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦
and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; ♦
darkness and light to you are both alike. *R*

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; ♦
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦
already in your book were all my members
written,

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than
the sand, ♦
and at the end, I am still in your presence. *R*

- 19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God, ♦
that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!
- 20 They speak against you with wicked intent; ♦
your enemies take up your name for evil.
- 21 Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose
you? ♦
Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?

- 22 I hate them with a perfect hatred; ♦
they have become my own enemies also.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; ♦
try me and examine my thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me ♦
and lead me in the way everlasting. *R*

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever.

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

***All* as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Ezekial 11.14-20 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to me:

¹⁵ Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, "They have gone far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession."

¹⁶ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone.

¹⁷ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

¹⁸ When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations.

¹⁹ I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***A//* The Spirit of the Father, who raised
Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to
the people of God. Alleluia.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ♦
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God; ♦
for we have received the Spirit that enables
us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.

- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God ♦
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; ♦
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure ♦
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing ♦
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2,14,15b-19

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

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shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Matthew 9.35-10.20 (NRSV)

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother
Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother
John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus,
and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and
Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;

²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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in wisdom you have made them all.

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and to the Holy Spirit.

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from Psalm 104

Gospel Canticle: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

***A//* How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

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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Prayers

Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.

Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make
intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and
grant on earth the blessing of peace:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that
we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Further prayers may be added.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Amen.

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we journey through the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those seeking a vaccine or cure, and all essential workers. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

A// 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.

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May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**