

Thy Kingdom Come

**Evening Prayer
Friday in Ascensiontide
May 29, 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 147

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds. *R*

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

- 4 He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground. *R*
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre;

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds ♦
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains ♦
and green plants to serve our needs. *R*
- 10 He gives the beasts their food ♦
and the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, ♦
no delight in human strength;

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

- 12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, ♦
who put their trust in his steadfast love. *R*
- 13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; ♦
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates ♦
and has blest your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace in your borders ♦
and satisfies you with the finest wheat. *R*

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

- 16 He sends forth his command to the earth ♦
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool ♦
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of
bread; ♦
who can endure his frost?

- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; ♦
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, ♦
his statutes and judgements to Israel.
- 21 He has not dealt so with any other nation; ♦
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia. *R*

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created, so you know the secrets of every heart; in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken, all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace; through Christ who is our peace.

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.

Ezekial 36.22-28 (NRSV)

²² Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your 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;

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

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Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to
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Matthew 12.22–32 (NRSV)

²² Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see.

²³ All the crowds were amazed and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.”

²⁵ He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

²⁹ Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. ³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created; you renew the face of the earth.

A// **When you send forth your Spirit,
we are created; you renew the face of
the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all.

A// **You renew the face of the earth.**

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

A// **When you send forth your Spirit,
we are created; you renew the face of
the earth.**

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

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.**

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

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.**