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# EVENING PRAYER AND ADDRESS FOR WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK



WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

PREACHER:  
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O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth  
**your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,  
stir up in us the fire of your love,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,  
and walk with you in newness of life  
singing the praise of him who died  
for us and our salvation.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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. **Amen.**

## PSALM 70

- 1 O God, make speed to save me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life  
be put to shame and confusion;  
let them be turned back and disgraced  
who wish me evil.
- 3 Let those who mock and deride me  
turn back because of their shame.
- 4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy;  
come to me quickly, O God.

6 You are my help and my deliverer;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**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.**

#### THE SONG OF CHRIST'S GLORY

**All At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.**

1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God,  
but he did not cling to equality with God.

2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
and was born in our human likeness.

3 Being found in human form he humbled himself,  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

4 Therefore God has highly exalted him,  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.5–11*

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#### JOHN 13. 21-32

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of

bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

### *Silence*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

### THE ADDRESS

### PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome light, O grace  
Of God the Father's face,  
The eternal splendour wearing;  
Celestial, holy, blest,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere the day fadeth quite,  
We see the evening light,  
Our wonted hymn outpouring;  
Father of might unknown,  
Thee, his incarnate Son,  
And Holy Spirit adoring.

To thee of right belongs  
All praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, Lifegiver;  
Thee, therefore, O Most High,  
The world doth glorify,  
And shall exalt for ever.

*Greek, before 4<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr Robert Bridges 1844-1930*

*Tune: Nunc Dimittis, Melody for Nunc Dimittis in the Genevan Psalter 1549*

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

**God's love for us is revealed in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

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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## PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy: *Or* Lord, hear us:  
**hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

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