

Evening Prayer, 16 March 2025, The Second Sunday of Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

HYMN

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.

The Word of God

Psalm 135.1-14 [15-end]

ALL Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

- 1 [Alleluia.] Praise the name of the Lord; ♦
give praise, you servants of the Lord,
- 2 You that stand in the house of the Lord, ♦
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; ♦
make music to his name, for it is lovely.
- 4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself ♦
and Israel for his own possession. *R*
- 5 For I know that the Lord is great ♦
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 The Lord does whatever he pleases in heaven and on earth, ♦
in the seas and in all the deeps.
- 7 He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; ♦
he makes lightning with the rain and brings the winds out of his treasures.
- 8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦
the firstborn of man and beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, ♦
upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 He smote many nations ♦
and slew mighty kings:
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, ♦
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land as a heritage, ♦
a heritage for Israel his people.
13 Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ♦
and shall be remembered through all generations.
14 For the Lord will vindicate his people ♦
and have compassion on his servants.
15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ♦
the work of human hands.
16 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ♦
eyes have they, but cannot see;
17 They have ears, but cannot hear; ♦
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them shall become like them, ♦
and so will all who put their trust in them.
19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ♦
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.
20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ♦
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ♦
who dwells in Jerusalem. [Alleluia.]

**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.**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Canticle

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦
that you should follow in his steps.
2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
5 By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep, ♦
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
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Scripture Reading Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17

Thus says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the LORD, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the LORD: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates

of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:
You are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon;
but I swear that I will make you a desert,
an uninhabited city.
I will prepare destroyers against you,
all with their weapons;
they shall cut down your choicest cedars
and cast them into the fire.

And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the LORD dealt in this way with that great city?' And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'
Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
who says, 'I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms',
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.
Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
says the LORD.
But your eyes and heart
are only on your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practising oppression and violence.

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

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.

**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.**

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Prayers

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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

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.

The Conclusion

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.