

Easter Triduum



Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday

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He holds in his hands the depths of the earth *
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Come, then, let us bow down and worship, *
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people, *
the flock he shepherds.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord: †
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Forty years I endured that generation. *
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So I swore in my anger, *
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HYMN

Jesus, the sun of ransomed earth,
Shed in our inmost souls thy light,
As in spring days a fairer birth
Heralds, each morn, the doom of night.

This hour of grace thou dost impart;
Teach us with flowing tears the stain
To cleanse from every victim-heart
That longs to feel love's welcome pain.

The day is come, the accepted day,
When grace, like nature, flowers anew.
Trained by thy hand the surer way,
Rejoice we in our spring-time too.

Let the whole earth in worship bow,
Great God, before thy mercy-seat,
As we, renewed by grace, do now
With praises new thy presence greet.

Ant. 1 Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

Lord, come, take care of your vineyard

Psalm 80

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, *
you who lead Joseph's flock,
shine forth from your cherubim throne *
upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.
O Lord, rouse up your might, *
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, bring us back; *
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Lord God of hosts, how long *
will you frown on your people's plea?
You have fed them with tears for their bread, *
an abundance of tears for their drink.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, *
our enemies laugh us to scorn.

God of hosts, bring us back; *
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; *
to plant it you drove out the nations.
Before it you cleared the ground; *
it took root and spread through the land.

The mountains were covered with its shadow, *
the cedars of God with its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the sea, *
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls? *
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, *
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, *
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, *
the vine your right hand has planted.
Men have burnt it with fire and destroyed it. *
May they perish at the frown of your face.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, *
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again: *
give us life that we may call upon your name.
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Canticle: Joy of God's ransomed people

Isaiah 12:1-6

I give you thanks, O Lord; †
though you have been angry with me, *
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.

God indeed is my saviour; *
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, *
and he has been my saviour.

With joy you will draw water *
at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; †
among the nations make known his deeds, *
proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; *
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, †
for great in your midst *
is the Holy One of Israel!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was it was in the beginning, is now, *
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. God is my saviour; I trust in him and shall not fear.

Ant. 3 The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; he has filled us with honey from the rock.

Solemn renewal of the Covenant

Psalm 81

Ring out your joy to God our strength, *
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,
blow the trumpet at the new moon, *
when the moon is full, on our feast.

For this is Israel's law, *
a command of the God of Jacob.
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph, *
when he went out against the land of Egypt.

A voice I did not know said to me: *
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load. *
You called in distress and I saved you.

I answered, concealed in the storm cloud, *
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.
Listen, my people, to my warning, *
O Israel, if only you would heed!

Let there be no foreign god among you, *
no worship of an alien god.
I am the Lord your God, †
who brought you from the land of Egypt. *
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

But my people did not heed my voice *
and Israel would not obey,
so I left them in their stubbornness of heart *
to follow their own designs.

O that my people would heed me, *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
At once I would subdue their foes, *
turn my hand against their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet *
and their subjection would last for ever.
But Israel I would feed with finest wheat*
and fill them with honey from the rock."

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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READING

Hebrews 2:9-10

We have seen Jesus crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation.

RESPONSORY

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.
R./ You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation.
R./ You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

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

Benedictus

Ant. I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Blessed ✠ be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, *

in the house of his servant David.
As he promised by the lips of holy men, *
Those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers in fulfilled *
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, *
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice *
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As for you, little child, *
you shall be called a prophet of God the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord *
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To make know to his people their salvation *
through forgiveness of all their sins,
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He will give light to those in darkness, †
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INTERCESSIONS

Let us humbly pray to Christ, the eternal priest, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit to proclaim release for captives.
Lord, have mercy on us.

You went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into glory;
Lead your Church into the paschal feast of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Your heart was pierced with a lance; heal the wounds of our human weakness.
Lord, have mercy on us.

You made the cross the tree of life; share your victory with all the baptised.
Lord, have mercy on us.

You gave salvation to the repentant thief; pardon all our sins. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Love of you with our whole heart, Lord God, is holiness.
Increase, then, your gifts of divine grace in us,
So that, as in your Son's death
You made us come to you, our final end.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Lord bless us, keep us free from all evil,
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HYMN

O cross of Christ, immortal tree
On which our Saviour died,
The world is sheltered by your arms
That bore the Crucified.

From bitter death and barren wood
The tree of life is made;
Its branches bear unfailing fruit
And leaves that never fade.

O faithful Cross, you stand unmoved
While ages run their course:
Foundation of the universe,
Creation's binding force.

Give glory to the risen Christ
And to his Cross give praise,
The sign of God's unfathomed love,
The hope of all our days. Amen.

Ant. 1 God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.

O God, have mercy on me

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. *
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt *
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them; *
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; *
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence*
and be without reproach when you judge.
O see, in guilt I was born, *
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; *
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean; *
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, *
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face *
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, *
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, *
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; *
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways *
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, *
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips *
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, *
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. *
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Zion: *
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
Holocausts offered on your altar.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Ant. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.

Ant. 2 Jesus Christ showed his love us, and freed us from our sins with his life's blood.

Canticle: God comes to judge

Habakkuk 3:2-4, 13a, 15-19

O Lord, I have heard your fame, *
I stand in awe at your deeds.
Do them again in our days, †
In our days make them known! *
In spite of your anger, have compassion.

God comes from Teman, *
the Holy One from Mount Paran.
His splendour covers the sky *
and his glory fills the earth.
His brilliance is like the light, †
rays flash from his hands;
there his power is hidden.

You march out to save your people, *
To save the one you have anointed.
You made a path for your horses I the sea, *
In the raging of the mighty waters.

This I hear and I tremble with terror, *
my lips quiver at the sound.
Weakness invades my bones, *
my steps fail beneath me
yet I calmly wait for the doom *
that will fall upon the people who assail us.

For even though the fig does not blossom, *
nor fruit grow I the vine,
Even though the olive crop fail, *
and fields produce no harvest,
even though flock vanish from the folds *
and stalls stand empty of cattle,

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord *
and exult in God my saviour.
The Lord my God is my strength. †
He makes me leap like the deer,
he guides me to the high places.

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Ant. 3 We venerate your Cross, Lord; we praise and glorify your holy resurrection. Because of the tree of joy has come into the whole world.

The restoration of Jerusalem

Psalm 147:12-20

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! *
Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, *
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders, *
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth *
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool, *
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. *
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them: *
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, *
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations; *
he has not taught them his decrees.

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READING

Isaiah 52:13-15

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.

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INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the
dead. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Lord and master, for us you became obedient even to death; keep us faithful to
God’s will in the darkness of our lives.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, our king, you were the scorn of the people, a worm not a man; teach us to
tread your path of humility. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Jesus, our Saviour, you laid down your life for your friends; let us love one another
as you have loved us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross to embrace all ages of men; gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

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but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family,
for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed,
did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands
and undergo the agony of the cross.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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HYMN

Now Christ, O Sun of righteousness,
Let dawn our darkened spirits bless:
The light of grace to us restore
While day to earth returns once more.

To us you give the accepted time,
Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime,
Let those by mercy now be cured
Whom loving-kindness long endured.

Spare not, we pray, to send us here
Some penance kindly but severe,
So let your gift of pardoning grace
Our grievous sinfulness efface.

Soon will that day, your day, appear
And all things with its brightness cheer:
We will rejoice in it, as we
Return thereby to grace, and thee.

Let all the world from shore to shore
O gracious Trinity, adore;
Right soon your loving pardon grant,
That we our new-made song may chant.

Ant 1 They will mourn for him as for an only son, since it is the innocent one of the Lord who has been slain.

Prayer for help against enemies

Psalm 64

Hear my voice, O God, as I complain, *

guard my life from dread of the foe.
Hide me from the band of the wicked, *
from the throng of those who do evil.

They sharpen their tongues like swords; *
they aim bitter words like arrows
to shoot at the innocent from ambush, *
shooting suddenly and recklessly.

They scheme their evil course; *
they conspire to lay secret snares.
They say: "Who will see us? *
Who can search out our crimes?"

He will search who searches the mind *
and knows the depth of the heart.
God has shot them with his arrow *
and dealt them sudden wounds.
Their own tongue has brought them to ruin *
and all who see them mock.

Then will all men fear; *
they will tell what God has done.
They will understand God's deeds. *
The just will rejoice in the Lord
and fly to him for refuge. *
All the upright hearts will glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. They will mourn for him as for an only son, since it is the innocent one of the Lord who has been slain.

Ant. 2 Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord.

Anguish of a dying man and joy in his restoration

Isaiah 38:10-14, 17b-20

I said, In the noontide of my days I must depart; †
I am consigned to the gates of Sheol

for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord *
in the land of the living;
I shall look upon man no more *
among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me *
like a shepherd's tent;
like a weaver I have rolled up my life; *
he cuts me off from the loom.

From day to night you bring me to an end; *
I cry for help until morning;
like a lion he breaks all my bones; *
from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, *
I moan like a dove.
My eyes are weary with looking upward. *
I Lord, I am oppressed; be my security.

Lo, it was for my welfare *
that I had great bitterness;
but you have held back my life *
from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins *
behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you, *
death cannot praise you;
those who go down to the put *
cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The Lord will save me, *
and we will sing to stringed instruments
all the days of our life, *
at the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, *
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

Ant. Save my soul from the gates of hell, Lord.

Ant 3. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

Praise the Lord

Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place, *
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds, *
praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet, *
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance, *
praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals, *
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes *
give praise to the Lord.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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READING

Hosea 5:15b-16:2

The Lord says this: They will search for me in their misery. ‘Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on the third day he will raise us and we shall live in his presence.’

SHORT RESPONSORY

Ant. Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death, even death of a cross. Therefore God raised him to the heights and gave him the name which is above all other names.

CANTICLE

Benedictus

Ant. Save us, Saviour of the world. By your cross and the shedding of your blood you have redeemed us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.

Blessed ✠ be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, *
in the house of his servant David.
As he promised by the lips of holy men, *
Those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers in fulfilled *
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He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, *
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He will give light to those in darkness, †
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,*
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. Save us, Saviour of the world. By your cross and the shedding of your blood you have redeemed us. Come to help us, Lord, our God.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, our Lord, you saw your mother standing by the cross; may we share your saving passion in our time of suffering. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, our Saviour, you died like a grain of wheat falling into the ground; gather us to yourself in the harvest of redemption. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, our shepherd, lying in the tomb you were hidden from men; teach us to love our real life, which is hidden with you in God. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, the new Adam, you went down into the world of the dead to free the just; may those who are dead in sin hear your voice and live. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Son of the living God, we were buried with you in baptism; let us rise with you, alive to God forever. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God,
whose Only-Begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead,
and rose from there to glory,
grant that your faithful people,
who were buried with him in baptism,
may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Lord bless us, keep us free from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.