

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) Sunday, 10 January 2021 (The Baptism of Christ)

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**Your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,  
and through the anointing of the Spirit  
you established us as a royal priesthood.  
As you call us into your marvellous light,  
may our lives bear witness to your truth  
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.  
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 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell,  
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;  
therefore shall she not be removed;  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,  
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- 8        Come and behold the works of the Lord,  
          what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9        He makes wars to cease in all the world;  
          he shatters the bow and snaps the spear  
          and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10       ‘Be still, and know that I am God;  
          I will be exalted among the nations;  
          I will be exalted in the earth.’
- 11       The Lord of hosts is with us;  
          the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**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.**

*1st lesson: Isaiah 42.1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
    a light to the nations,  
    to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
    I tell you of them.

Canticle

**Salvation belongs to our God,  
who will guide us to springs of living water.**

- 1 Behold, a great multitude  
which no one could number,
- 2 From every nation,  
from all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
standing before the throne and the Lamb.
- 3 They were clothed in white robes  
and had palms in their hands,  
and they cried with a loud voice, saying,
- 4 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.'
- 5 These are they  
who have come out of the great tribulation,  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;
- 6 Therefore they stand before the throne of God,  
whom they serve day and night within the temple.
- 7 And the One who sits upon the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.
- 8 They shall never again feel hunger or thirst,  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.
- 9 For the Lamb at the heart of the throne  
will be their Shepherd,
- 10 He will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

*Revelation 7.9, 10, 14b-17*

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Salvation belongs to our God,  
who will guide us to springs of living water.**

*2nd lesson: Ephesians 2.1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly

places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Arise, shine, for your light has come;  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.  
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the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.  
**The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
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the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

**Draw water from the wells of salvation,  
for Christ our Lord has made creation holy.**

- 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.

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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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for Christ our Lord has made creation holy.**

*Prayers*

*The Collect of the day is said*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,  
give us the power of his Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**