

***Evening Prayer from All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, 24 November 2021***

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

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.
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.

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 122

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

1 I was glad when they said to me, ♦
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

2 And now our feet are standing ♦
within your gates, O Jerusalem;

3 Jerusalem, built as a city ♦
that is at unity in itself.

4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ♦
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, ♦
the thrones of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ♦
'May they prosper who love you.

7 'Peace be within your walls ♦
and tranquillity within your palaces.'

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, ♦
I will pray that peace be with you.

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ♦
I will seek to do you good.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

*God of our pilgrimage,
bring us with joy to the eternal city founded on the rock,
and give to our earthly cities the peace that comes from above;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Psalm 123

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, ♦
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, ♦
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us. *R*

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

5 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, ♦
and of the contempt of the proud.

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

*Sovereign God, enthroned in the heavens,
look upon us with your eyes of mercy,
as we look on you with humility and love,
and fill our souls with your peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.**

Isaiah 40.27-41.7

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength;

let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgement.

Who has roused a victor from the east, summoned him to his service?

He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot;

he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow.

He pursues them and passes on safely, scarcely touching the path with his feet.

Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning?

I, the Lord, am first, and will be with the last.

The coastlands have seen and are afraid, the ends of the earth tremble,
they have drawn near and come.

Each one helps the other, saying to one another, 'Take courage!'

The artisan encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, 'It is good'; and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

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.**

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Revelation 16.1-11

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, 'Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.'

So the first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped its image.

The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say,

'You are just, O Holy One, who are and were, for you have judged these things; because they shed the blood of saints and prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!'

And I heard the altar respond, 'Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgements are true and just!'

The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire; they were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and they did not repent and give him glory.

The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness; people gnawed their tongues in agony, and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

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

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation •
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations •
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**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 righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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