

Wednesday 14 October 2020: Evening Prayer

GREETING

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Amen.

PREPARATION

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving
to hear and receive his holy word
to bring before him the needs of the world
to ask his forgiveness of our sins
and to seek his grace
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

Let us worship and praise him.

Lord, open our lips
that we may glorify and praise your Name.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord. Alleluia.

Come Bless the Lord (Psalm 134)

**1 Come, bless the Lord, all you | servants •of the | Lord, ♦
you that by night | stand •in the | house of the | Lord.**

**2,3 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and | bless the | Lord. ♦**

**The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you | blessing | out of | Zion.**

**Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.**

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have left undone.

PRAISE

PENITENCE

For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your Name.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A PSALM

Psalms 34: 1-14

1 I will bless the | Lord at | all times; ♦
his praise shall | ever be | in my | mouth.

**2 My soul shall glory | in the | Lord; ♦
let the | humble | hear and be | glad.**

3. O magnify the | Lord with | me; ♦
let us ex|alt his | name to | gether.

**4 I sought the Lord | and he | answered me ♦
and de|livered me from | all my | fears.**

5 Look upon him | and be | radiant ♦
and your faces | shall not | be a|shamed.

**6. This poor soul cried, and the | Lord | heard me ♦
and | saved me from | all my | troubles.**

7 The angel | of the | Lord ♦
encamps around those who | fear him | and de|livers them.

**8. O taste and see that the | Lord is | gracious; ♦
blessed is the | one who | trusts in | him.**

9 Fear the Lord, all | you his | holy ones, ♦
for those who | fear him | lack | nothing.

**10 Lions may lack and | suffer | hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord lack | nothing | that is | good.**

11. Come, my children, and | listen to | me; ♦
I will | teach •you the | fear •of the | Lord.

**12 Who is there who de|lights in | life ♦
and longs for | days •to en|joy good | things?**

13 Keep your | tongue from | evil ♦
and your | lips from | lying | words.

**14. Turn from evil | and do | good; ♦
seek | peace | and pur|sue it.**

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
**as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.**

A CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32 ELLC*

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ♦
your | word has | been ful|filled.

2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation ♦
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.

3 A light to re|veal you · to the | nations ♦
and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

A READING

John 6: 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

ADDRESS

THE BAPTISMAL CREED

**I believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

INTERCESSIONS

Lord God

We ask you to give us your blessing
to your Church, holiness
to the world, peace
to this nation, justice
and to all people knowledge of your law.
Keep safe our families
protect the weak
heal the sick
comfort the dying
and bring us all to a joyful resurrection.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom
you know our needs before we ask
and our ignorance in asking:
have compassion on our weakness
and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not
and for our blindness we cannot ask
grant us through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

THANKSGIVINGS

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise
more than we can utter
more than we can understand
be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
from all angels, all people, all creatures for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God of all power, we acclaim you
Lord of all grace, we worship you.
we are not worthy of you
yet your goodness makes us praise you
and give you thanks.
We praise you for the life you have given us
and for all the blessings we have received at your hands.
Above all, we give you thanks
for your Son Jesus Christ
for the grace and hope which his death
and resurrection have brought to us.
We ask this of you, our Father
that we may never forget your goodness to us
and that we may show our thankfulness
not only in words
but by the service of our lives
both now and in all eternity.

COLLECTS

Almighty God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels and all just works proceed:
give your servants that peace
which the world cannot give
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments
and that, free from the fear of our enemies
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE ENDING

Lighten our darkness, Lord
and by your great mercy defend us
in all perils and dangers of the night;
for the love of your only Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**