

¶ Evening Prayer

Passiontide

Monday, 29 March 2021

Monday of Holy Week

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

All ○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Let your ways be known upon earth

All your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All 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, ○ 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.

All Amen.

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 25

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust; ◆
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, ◆
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ◆
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ◆
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ◆
for they are from everlasting. *R*

6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions, ◆
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ◆
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8 He will guide the humble in doing right ◆
and teach his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth 
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *R*

10 For your name's sake, O Lord, 
be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are those who fear the Lord? 
Them will he teach in the way that they should choose.

12 Their soul shall dwell at ease 
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The hidden purpose of the Lord is for those who fear him 
and he will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, 
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. *R*

15 Turn to me and be gracious to me, 
for I am alone and brought very low.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; 
O bring me out of my distress.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery 
and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many 
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 O keep my soul and deliver me; 
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, 
for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, 
out of all his troubles.

*Free us, God of mercy,
from all that keeps us from you;
relieve the misery of the anxious and the ashamed
and fill us with the hope of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 2.8-19

The Lord determined to lay in ruins
the wall of daughter Zion;
he stretched the line;
he did not withhold his hand from destroying;
he caused rampart and wall to lament;
they languish together.

Her gates have sunk into the ground;
he has ruined and broken her bars;
her king and princes are among the nations;
guidance is no more,
and her prophets obtain
no vision from the Lord.

The elders of daughter Zion
sit on the ground in silence;
they have thrown dust on their heads
and put on sackcloth;
the young girls of Jerusalem
have bowed their heads to the ground.

My eyes are spent with weeping;
my stomach churns;
my bile is poured out on the ground
because of the destruction of my people,

because infants and babes faint
in the streets of the city.

They cry to their mothers,
‘Where is bread and wine?’
as they faint like the wounded
in the streets of the city,
as their life is poured out
on their mothers’ bosom.

What can I say for you, to what compare you,
O daughter Jerusalem?
To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter Zion?
For vast as the sea is your ruin;
who can heal you?

Your prophets have seen for you
false and deceptive visions;
they have not exposed your iniquity
to restore your fortunes,
but have seen oracles for you
that are false and misleading.

All who pass along the way
clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads
at daughter Jerusalem;
‘Is this the city that was called
the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?’

All your enemies
open their mouths against you;
they hiss, they gnash their teeth,
they cry: ‘We have devoured her!’
Ah, this is the day we longed for;
at last we have seen it!’

The Lord has done what he purposed,
he has carried out his threat;
as he ordained long ago,
he has demolished without pity;
he has made the enemy rejoice over you,
and exalted the might of your foes.

Cry aloud to the Lord!
O wall of daughter Zion!
Let tears stream down like a torrent
day and night!
Give yourself no rest,
your eyes no respite!

Arise, cry out in the night,
at the beginning of the watches!
Pour out your heart like water
before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to him
for the lives of your children,
who faint for hunger
at the head of every street.

The Song of Christ's Glory

Refrain:

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, 
but he did not cling to equality with God.

2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, 
and was born in our human likeness.

3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, 
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, 
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, 
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

**All 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.**

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

By his wounds you have been healed.

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Peter 2

Homily

The homily is given by Fr Charlie Annis nCR, our guest preacher this week.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is said.

**All God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

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.

**All 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.**

**All God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Prayers

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence is kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.