



Evening Prayer

4th November 2020

The night before lockdown

Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

Hear us when we cry to you.

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.

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 Bible tells us repeatedly to acknowledge and confess our many sins and evil ways and that we should not try to hide them from Almighty God our heavenly Father.

We are to confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart so that we may receive forgiveness through God's infinite goodness and mercy.

We should humbly admit our sins to God at all times, but especially when we come together

to give thanks for the blessings we have received from him,

to offer the praise that is his due,

to hear his most holy Word,

to ask him to supply all our needs,

and to pray for others as well as ourselves.

Silence is kept as we reflect

Let us then with a pure heart and humble voice approach our Father's throne of grace, and pray

Confessing our Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaring God's Forgiveness

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live. He has commanded and authorised his ministers to reassure his people that they will be forgiven when they repent of their sins.

God pardons and forgives all who truly repent and sincerely believe his holy gospel. Therefore let us ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit; so that what we do now may please him, that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that finally we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

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 is 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 forever. Amen.

Open our lips, O Lord.

And we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 90

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn people back to dust,
saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.'

**A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death –
they are like the new grass of the morning:

**In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.**

We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.

**You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.

**Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

If only we knew the power of your anger!

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

**Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Relent, Lord! How long will it be?

Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

**May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendour to their children.**

**May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us –
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

Reflecting on God's Word

Affirming Our Faith (stand if able)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Praying Together

**Praying for our Church, our World, our community
and for the sick**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, show us your mercy,

and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen,

and mercifully hear us when we pray to you.

Endow your ministers with righteousness,

and make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your people,

and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,

for you are our help and strength.

O God, cleanse our hearts,

and revive us by your Holy Spirit.

Pronouncing God's Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.