

Evening Prayer and Address for Monday of Holy Week



$Monday \, \mathbf{29}^{\text{TH}} \, March \, \mathbf{2021}$

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Randolph Ellis

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

Let your ways be known upon earth 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.

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 36. 5-11

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

- 10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

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 SONG OF CHRIST'S GLORY

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.

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Philippians 2.5—11

John 12. 1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

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.

Silence

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

By his wounds you have been healed. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

THE ADDRESS

PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome light, O grace Of God the Father's face, The eternal splendour wearing; Celestial, holy, blest, Our Saviour Jesus Christ, Joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere the day fadeth quite, We see the evening light, Our wonted hymn outpouring; Father of might unknown, Thee, his incarnate Son, And Holy Spirit adoring.

To thee of right belongs All praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Lifegiver; Thee, therefore, O Most High, The world doth glorify, And shall exalt for ever.

> Greek, before 4th century Tr Robert Bridges 1844-1930

Tune: Nunc Dimittis, Melody for Nunc Dimittis in the Genevan Psalter 1549

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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.

Luke 1.46-55

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PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy: Or Lord, hear us:

hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.