

Evening Prayer and Address for Tuesday of Holy Week



TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 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 71. 1-8

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence, even from my youth.

- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many, but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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.