

Saturday, March 13
Evening Prayer I – 4th Sunday of Lent

Evening Prayer I for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God, come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

HYMN – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were all the realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Let us go to God's house with rejoicing.

Psalm 122 Holy city Jerusalem

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
“Let us go to God's house.”
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
“Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!”

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you."
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

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.

Ant. Let us go to God's house with rejoicing.

Psalm-prayer (Prayed Silently)

When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in the gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

Ant. 2 Awake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Psalm 130 A cry from the depths

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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.

Ant. Awake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Psalm-prayer (Prayed Silently)

Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord. The forgiveness of sins is yours. Do not look on the wrong we have done, but grant us your merciful kindness.

Ant. 3 So great was God's love for us that when we were dead because of our sins, he brought us to life in Christ Jesus.

Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ, God's holy servant*

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not deem equality with God
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself
and took the form of a slave,
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate,
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death,
death on a cross!

Because of this,
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth,
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim
to the glory of God the Father:
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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.

Ant. So great was God's love for us that when we were dead because of our sins, he brought us to life in Christ Jesus.

READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-4a

We beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you; on a day of salvation I have helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We avoid giving anyone offense, so that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, in all that we do we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God.

RESPONSORY

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

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Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,

— for we have sinned against you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

— Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

CANTICLE OF MARY (Luke 1:46-55)

Ant. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son to save all who have faith in him and to give them eternal life.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Ant. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son to save all who have faith in him and to give them eternal life.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us give glory to God, who has concern for us all. Let us call upon him and say:
Lord, save the people you have redeemed.

Giver of all gifts and source of all truth, give the fullness of your blessing to the college of bishops,

— and keep all those entrusted to their care faithful to the teaching of the apostles.

Pour your love into the hearts of all who share the one bread of life,

— that they may grow in unity in the body of your Son.

Help us to strip off our sinful selves,

— and to be clothed with Christ, your Son, the new Adam.

Grant that all may do penance and find forgiveness,

— and so share in the fruits of Christ's redeeming death.

May those who have died in your peace give you everlasting glory in heaven,

— where we, too, hope to praise you for ever.

Jesus, Priest and Victim, you allowed your priests to share in your sacrifice,

— Give them an abundant share in your victory

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.

Concluding Prayer

O God,

who through your Word reconcile the human race

to yourself in a wonderful way,

grant, we pray,

that with prompt devotion and eager faith

the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.