

Thy Kingdom Come

Evening Prayer

Wednesday in Ascensiontide

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John Charles Roper, Archbishop of Ottawa, 1940

Instructions:

Please mute your microphone as we begin.
There will be one responder unmuted but please
respond audibly in your own space.

O God, make speed to save us.

A// **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

A// **and clothe us with power from on high.
Alleluia.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting. ♦
You make darkness that it may be night.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are
created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my
being

Psalms 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35

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

A// **as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be
moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart
of the sea;

- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering
seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.

- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

God of Jacob, when the earth shakes and the nations are in uproar, speak, and let the storm be still; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

All **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

1 Kings 19.1-18 (NRSV)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel;

and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***A//* The Spirit of the Father, who raised
Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to
the people of God. Alleluia.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ♦
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God; ♦
for we have received the Spirit that enables
us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.

- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God ♦
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; ♦
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure ♦
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing ♦
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2,14,15b-19

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

A// **as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to
the people of God. Alleluia.**

Matthew 3.13–17 (NRSV)

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created; you renew the face of the earth.

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we are created; you renew the face of
the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all.

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

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from Psalm 104

Gospel Canticle: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

***A//* How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

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

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

A// **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A// **How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

Prayers

Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.

Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make
intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and
grant on earth the blessing of peace:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that
we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Further prayers may be added.

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

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we journey through the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those seeking a vaccine or cure, and all essential workers. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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Collect for Commemoration

Eternal God, who laid your hand upon John Roper and made him a bishop and servant of your people to give them true nurture in Christ, grant us unity in faith, steadfastness in hope, and constancy in love, that by word and deed we may show ourselves true members in the body of your Son Jesus Christ; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

A// 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.

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May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**