

**Evening Prayer**

**Sunday after  
Ascension**

Participants in online group:  
Please mute your microphone and  
respond audibly in your own space.



O God, make speed to save us.

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

*All* **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

*Psalm 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35*

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.**

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 147.1-12*

*Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, ♦  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦  
and binds up all their wounds. *R*

*Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

- 4 He counts the number of the stars ♦  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦  
but casts down the wicked to the ground. *R*
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

*Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds ♦  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains ♦  
and green plants to serve our needs. *R*
- 10 He gives the beasts their food ♦  
and the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,  
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their trust in his steadfast love. *R*

*Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

*Compassionate God, as you know each star  
you have created, so you know the secrets of  
every heart; in your loving mercy bring to your  
table all who are fearful and broken, all who  
are wounded and needy, that our hungers may  
be satisfied in the city of your peace; through  
Christ who is our peace.*

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.**

*Isaiah 61 (NRSV)*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
6 but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
and in their riches you shall glory.  
7 Because their shame was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

10

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle*

*All* **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;

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

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

*Luke 4.14-21 (NRSV)*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18     “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
          because he has anointed me  
          to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
          and recovery of sight to the blind,  
          to let the oppressed go free,  
19     to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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.

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

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

*All* **You renew the face of the earth.**

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

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

*from Psalm 104*

*All* **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;

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

*All* **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.**

*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.**

*Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday*

O God, We give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

***All 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.***

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.**