

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - EVENING PRAYER

PREPARATION

PENITENCE

All say

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

If no priest is present the absolution is omitted and the following prayer may be said:

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

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

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

THE WORD OF GOD

A PSALM OR PSALMS

Psalm 55: 13-24

Refrain: Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you.

13 For it was not an open enemy | that re|viled me, ■
for | then I | could have | borne it;

14 Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself | up a|gainst me, ■
for then I | would have | hid myself | from him.

15 But it was even you, one | like my|self, ■
my companion and my | own fa|miliar | friend.

16 We took sweet | counsel to|gether ■
and walked with the multitude | in the | house of | God.

17† Let death come suddenly upon them;
let them go down a|live •to the | Pit; ■
for wickedness inhabits their | dwellings, their | very | hearts. *[R]*

18 As for me, I will | call upon | God ■
and the | Lord | will de|liver me.

19 In the evening and morning and at noonday
I will pray and make my | suppli|cation, ■
and | he shall | hear my | voice.

20. He shall redeem my soul in peace
from the battle | waged a|gainst me, ■
for | many have | come up|on me.

21 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear and | bring them | down; ■
they will not repent, for they | have no | fear of | God. *[R]*

22 My companion stretched out his hands a|gainst his | friend ■
and has | broken | his | covenant;

23. His speech was softer than butter, though war was | in his | heart; ■
his words were smoother than oil, yet | are they | naked | swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the Lord and he | will sus|tain you, ■
and will not let the | righteous | fall for | ever.

Refrain: Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm-Prayer

Lord, in all times of fear and dread,
grant that we may so cast our burdens upon you,
that you may bear us on the holy wings of the Spirit
to the stronghold of your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A CANTICLE

A SONG OF LAMENTATION *Lamentations 1: 12, 16a, b; 3: 19, 21-26, 31-33*

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ■
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

2 Which was brought upon me, ■
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.

3 For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; ■

for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.

4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ■
the wormwood and the gall!

5 But this I call to mind, ■
and therefore I have hope:

6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ■
his mercies never come to an end;

7 They are new every morning; ■
great is your faithfulness.

8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ■
'therefore I will hope in him.'

9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ■
to the soul that seeks him.

10 It is good that we should wait quietly ■
for the salvation of the Lord.

11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ■
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ■
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

A READING OR READINGS

One or two readings as appointed

Lamentations 3: 40-51

Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands
to God in heaven.

We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.

You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,
killing without pity;

you have wrapped yourself with a cloud
so that no prayer can pass through.

You have made us filth and rubbish
among the peoples.

All our enemies

have opened their mouths against us;
panic and pitfall have come upon us,
devastation and destruction.

My eyes flow with rivers of tears
because of the destruction of my people.

My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,

until the Lord from heaven
looks down and sees.
My eyes cause me grief
at the fate of all the young women in my city.

Galatians 6: 11-18

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Virgin Mary* *Luke 1: 46-55*

*Refrain: By your life laid down on the Cross, you set your people free,
we look to you to save and help us.*

1 My soul proclaims the | greatness · of the | Lord, ■
my spirit re joices · in | God my | Saviour,
2 who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant; ..
from this day all gene|rations · will | call me | blessèd;
3† the Almighty has done | great things | for me ■
and | holy | is his | name.
4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him, ■
from gene|ration · to | gene|ration.
5 The Lord has shown | strength · with his | arm ■
and scattered the | proud in | their con|ceit,
6 casting down the mighty | from their | thrones ■
and | lifting | up the | lowly.
7 God has filled the hungry with | good | things ■
and sent the | rich a|way | empty.

8 He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel ■
to re|member · the | promise of | mercy,
9 The promise | made to · our | forebears, ■
to Abraham | and his | children · for | ever.

*Refrain: By your life laid down on the Cross, you set your people free,
we look to you to save and help us.*

PRAYER

Kneel
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Let us pray that we may take up Christ's cross daily
and follow him in his way.

INTERCESSIONS

Giver of life, we wait with you to offer the hope
that comes from the cross to earth's darkest places.
Where pain is deep and affection is denied:
let love break through.

Where justice is destroyed,
let sensitivity to right spring up.
Where hope is crucified,
let faith persist.

Where peace has no chance,
let passion live on.

Where truth is trampled underfoot,
let the struggle continue.

Where fear paralyzes,
let forgiveness break through.

Eternal God, reach into the silent darkness of our souls
with the radiance of the cross.
O you who are the bearer of all pain,
have mercy on us.

Giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Merciful God,
have mercy on us. Amen.

THANKSGIVINGS

Gracious God,
you have done so much for us,
giving us a world rich in wonder
and filling our lives with so much that is special.
Receive our thanks.

But above all we come to thank you
for your most precious gift of all -
the great love you have shown to us in Christ.
Receive our thanks.

In him you came and lived amongst us,

fully part of our world.
Through him you revealed your grace, your mercy,
your will, your kingdom.
By him you identified yourself
with the sin and suffering of our world,
opening the way through his death and resurrection
to forgiveness and eternal life.

Receive our thanks.

Gracious God,
you have given to us without counting the cost,
not just a little but all.
Your Son emptied yourself,
taking the form of a servant,
and was sanctified for our sakes.

Receive our thanks.

And the wonder is you ask so little in return -
you make no extortionate demands,
you set no stringent conditions to your love,
you ask simply that we love you in return.

Receive our thanks.

Gracious God,
teach us to offer you our willing and joyful discipleship,
and to play our part in working for your kingdom.

**Receive our thanks,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**May we never boast of anything
except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to us,
and us to the world.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Collect of the Day *may be said or the prayer which follows it*
Tuesday in Holy Week

O God,
who by the passion of your blessed Son made
an instrument of shameful death
to be for us the means of life:
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ,
that we may gladly suffer pain and loss
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth
that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray
**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
**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.**

THE ENDING

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

DISMISSAL

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.