

EVENING
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AN ORDER OF EVENING WORSHIP FOR 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgment give us life.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of Entreaty



1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2. Lord Je - sus, think on me with many a care op - prest;
3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go as - tray;
4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from earth - born pass - ions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav'n - ly way.
I may the'e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.

PSALTER – PSALM 145



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.



- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

**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 e-/ ver. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – JEREMIAH 23:16-32

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise the word of the Lord, "It shall be well with you"; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, "No calamity shall come upon you." For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? See, therefore, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who steal my words from one another. See, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their own tongues and say, "Says the Lord." See, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and who tell them, and who lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or appoint them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the Lord.

A SONG OF CHRIST THE SERVANT



**Christ committed / no sin,
no guile was found / on his lips.**

1. Christ suffered for you, leaving you an ex-/ ample, *
that you should follow / in his steps.
2. He committed no sin, no guile was found / on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not re-/ vile in turn.
3. When he suffered, he did not / threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who / judges justly.
4. Christ himself bore our sins in his body / on the tree, *
that we might die to sin and live / to righteousness.
5. By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying / like sheep, *
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian / of your souls.

**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 e-/ ver. Amen.**

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SECOND LESSON – MARK 8:31-9:1

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

RESPONSES

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

Be not far from me, O my God.

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

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

CANTICLE – DIGNUS ES



**Come, let us return / to the Lord,
for our God will / richly pardon.**

Splendor and honor and / kingly power *
are yours by right, O / Lord our God,
For you created every-/ thing that is,
and by your will they were created and / have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb / that was slain, *
for with your blood you have re-/ deemed for God,
From every family, language, peo-/ ple, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to / serve our God.



And so, to him who sits up-/ on the throne, *
and to / Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, domin-/ ion and splendor. *
for ever and for / evermore.

**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 e-/ ver. Amen.**

**Come, let us return / to the Lord,
for our God will / richly pardon.**

PRAYERS

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the creator and preserver of all humankind, we humbly pray to you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known to them, your saving health to all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or spirit; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their needs, giving them patience in their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
bur de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.