

Monday, April 6, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. The people’s responses are in bold. This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a “rubric,” which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)— referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

Words of Welcome

Sentence – *God sent his son to be the expiation for our sins (1 John 4:10)*

Music – *Were You There (American Spiritual arr. Brad Barnham)*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nail'd him to the cross?
Were you there when they nail'd him to the cross?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when they nail'd him to the cross?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

Introductory responses

After gathering in silence, the assembly stands

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and walk with you in newness of life,
singing the praises of him who died
for us and for our salvation.

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All

A - - - - - men.

Prayer of Readiness

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this earthly life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn – God is Love

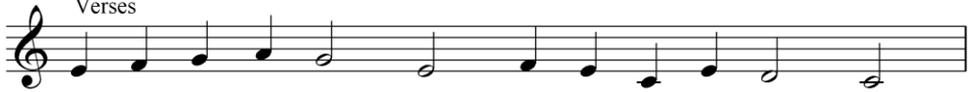
Sung by all

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is, God in truth is there.

Verses



Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
When we Chris-tians ga - ther, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,
Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord, but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O sa - viour, in its glo - ry.



Let us all re - vere and love him, God e - ter - nal.
Ban-ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Let each love Christ in sis - ters and in bro - thers.
Christ, our God, be pre - sent al - ways here a - mongst us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prai - ses.

Psalm 69: 1-23 *Salvum me fac*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all as introduced by the cantor.



Save me, **O** God,*
for the waters have risen up to my **neck**.

I am sinking in **deep** mire,*
and there is no firm ground for my **feet**.

I have come into **deep** waters,*
and the torrent washes **over** me.

I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is **in**-flamed,*
my eyes have failed from looking for my **God**.

Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;
my lying foes who would destroy me **are** mighty.*
Must I then give back what I never **stole**.

O God, who know my **fool**-ishness,*
and my faults are not hidden from **you**.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
O **God** of hosts,*
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,
O God **of** Israel.

Surely, for your sake have I suffered **re**-proach,*
and shame has covered my **face**.

I have become a stranger to my own **kind**-red,*
an alien to my mother's **children**.

Zeal for your house has eaten **me** up,*
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen up-**on** me.

I humbled myself **with** fasting,*
but that was turned to my re-**proach**.



I put on sackcloth **al-so**,*
and became a byword a-**mong** them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur a-**gainst** me,*
and the drunkards make songs a-**bout** me.

But as for me, this is my **prayer** to you,*
at the time you have set, O **God**.

In your great mercy, O **God**,*
answer me with your unfailing **help**.

Save me from the mire, do not let **me** sink;*
let me be rescued from those who hate me and
out of the deep **waters**.

Do not let the torrent of waters wash over me,
nor the deep swallow **me** up;*
do not let the Pit shut its mouth up-**on** me.

Answer me O God, for your **love** is kind;*
in your great compassion, turn to **me**.

Do not hide your face from your **ser-vant**;*
be swift and answer me, for I am in dis-**tress**.

Draw near to me and re-**deem** me;*
because of my enemies de-**liver** me.

You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis-**hon-our**;*
my adversaries are all in your **sight**.

Reproach has broken my heart, it can-**not** be healed;*
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I could find no **one**.

They gave me **gall** to eat,*
and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to **drink**.



Glory to God, Source of all **being**, eternal Word and Holy **Spi-rit**
as it was in the **beginning**, is now and will be forever. **A-men.**

Word (*Mark 11: 12-25*)

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?"
But you have made it a den of robbers."

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

Affirmation of Faith

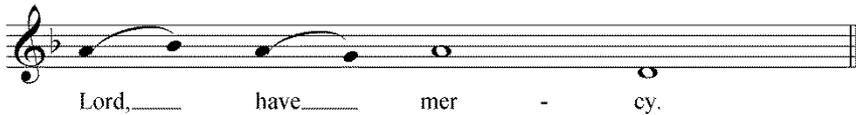
We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God's peace.

The Litany

Response *(sung by the assembly)*



Lord, have mercy

Let us pray to our redeemer who suffered for us on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead.

Lord, have mercy

Lord and master, for you became obedient even to death: keep us faithful to God's will in the darkness of our lives.

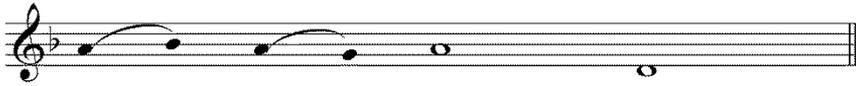
Lord, have mercy

Jesus, our life,
by dying on the cross you destroyed hell and death

Lord, have mercy

Grant that we may die with you
and rise with you in glory

Lord, have mercy



Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

Christ our king, you were the scorn of the people,
a worm not a man: teach us to tread your path of humility

Lord, have mercy

Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross
to embrace all ages of humanity:

gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation.

Lord, have mercy

Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

(sung by all)



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;*
your word has **been** fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the **salvation** *
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'ry** people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** *
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

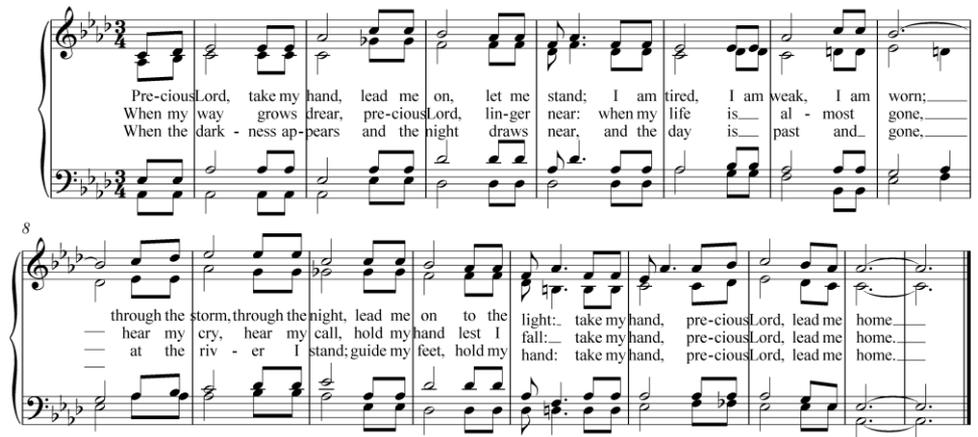
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **A-men.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn



Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;—
When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near: when my life is— al - most gone, —
When the dark - ness ap-pears, and the night draws near, and the day is— past and— gone.

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through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home —
— hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:— take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. —
— at the riv - er I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. —

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

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