

# *Evening Prayer for Passiontide<sup>1</sup>*

## **Penitence**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.

We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

## **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Let your ways be known upon earth

**All your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord 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,

that we may be cleansed from all our sins,

and walk with you in newness of life

singing the praise of him who died

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for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

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.**

## **The Word of God**

### *Psalm(s)*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**All 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.**

### *Scripture Reading*

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.  
The readings may be followed by a short reflection.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

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

**All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

**All** By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

By his wounds you have been healed.

**All** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

*cf 1 Peter 2*

## *Gospel Canticle*

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

**All** God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.

- 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*

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and shall be for ever. Amen.

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## Prayers

### *For Passiontide*

With faith and love and in union with Christ,  
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people,  
for whom your Son laid down his life: *R*

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,  
and have pity on those torn apart by division: *R*

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,  
and deliver them from evil: *R*

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,  
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: *R*

Bring comfort to the dying,  
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: *R*

Give rest to the departed  
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: *R*

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

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

### *The Collect*

*(from the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*(or, from Palm Sunday)*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

## **The Conclusion**

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

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**