

EVENING

PRAYER

FOR

LENT

Invitation to Prayer

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Hymn

Psalm 109 (110)

He must be king so that he may put all his enemies under his feet (I Cor 15:25)

Antiphon: You must worship the Lord, your God, and serve him alone.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet'.

The Lord will wield from Sion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old'

The Master standing at your right hand

will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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Psalm 113A (114)

You, who have renounced this world, have also been led forth from Egypt (St Augustine)

Antiphon: Now is the favourable time: this is the day of salvation.

When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his Kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back , Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
And flint into a spring of water.

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Canticle 1 Peter: 2

Antiphon: Now we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man will come true.

Christ suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
to follow in his path.

He committed no sin,
in his speech there was no deceit;
when they cursed him,
he did not curse them;

when he suffered,
he did not threaten retribution,
but committed them to the one just judge.

He endured our sins
in the sufferings of his body on the tree,
so that we would die to our sins
and live for righteousness

and by his bruises
you have been healed.

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Scripture Reading

Short Responsory

Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

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Listen, Christ, to the prayers of those who cry to you.

– *Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*
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Magnificat

Antiphon: Keep watch over us, eternal Saviour. Do not let the cunning tempter overcome us, for you have become our helper at all times.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Intercessions

God the Father has chosen for himself a people, who are born again, not from any mortal seed but from his everlasting Word. Let us praise his name and turn to him in prayer.

– Lord, have mercy on your people.

Merciful God, hear our prayers for all your people;
may they hunger more for your word than for any human food.

– Lord, have mercy on your people.

Teach us to love sincerely the people of our nation and of every race on earth; may we work for their peace and welfare.

– Lord, have mercy on your people.

Strengthen those who will be reborn in baptism; make them living stones in the temple of your Spirit.

– Lord, have mercy on your people.

May the dying go forward in hope to meet Christ, their judge;
may they see your face and be happy for ever.

– Lord, have mercy on your people.

Lord, remember your Church as following your teaching we pray,

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.

Concluding prayer

Through our annual Lenten observance, Lord,
deepen our understanding of the mystery of Christ
and make it a reality in the conduct of our lives.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to
everlasting life.