

# A Simple Order for Evening Prayer The First Sunday of Lent, 2021

## Organ Music

Durch Adams fall ist ganz verderbt, BuxWV 183  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*The Clergy welcome the Online Congregation:*

Welcome to this short service of Evening Prayer. Each Sunday in Lent we gather for this short offering of hymns, readings and prayers.

## HYMN

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God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Romans 5.8*

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
**whom then shall I fear?**

The Lord is the strength of my life  
**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

**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.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray to the Lord.

*A moment of Silence.*

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, you fed your people in the wilderness, and guided them by cloud and fire, giving commandments to order their lives. Give us eyes to see your purpose, perseverance to follow where you lead, and courage to know the truth that sets us free; that our lives may be blessed and your will may be done. **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **HYMN**

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## **READING**

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

## **HOMILY**

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord :  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant :  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;**

The Almighty has done great things for me : and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him : from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm :  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones : and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things : and has sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel :  
to remember his promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears :  
to Abraham and his children for 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 ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray to God the Father, who has reconciled to himself all things in Christ:

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world  
of violence and let peoples grow in justice and harmony;

For those who serve in public office, that they may work for the common good;  
For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith  
in Jesus Christ;

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,  
that the presence of Christ may bring them health and wholeness;

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and  
protection of God.

We pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.**

## COLLECTS

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eternal God, source of all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works: give your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that we may willingly obey your commandments, and that, free from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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## THE CONCLUSION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Organ Music

Psalm Prelude Set 1 No.1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Psalm 34.6*

*This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble*