

A Simple Order for Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday, 2021

Organ Music

O mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross, BWV 622
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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. Today Holy Week begins and on the evening of Palm Sunday we reflect on how the mood has changed. From the excited cries of 'Hosanna' this morning, we begin to contemplate how that same crowd now prepares to shout 'crucify him'.

HYMN

The words of the Hymn will appear on your screen.

Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Here is your king, who comes to you in gentleness, riding on a donkey, on the foal of a beast of burden.'

Matthew 21.5

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

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

By your life laid down on the Cross, you set your people free;
we look to you to save and help us.

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.**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal! By his Cross and Passion, our Saviour Christ declared your love, forgave his killers, and promised to the penitent thief a place that day with him in Paradise. Into your hands we commit our spirit. Accomplish your will in our world, where many thirst, many feel forsaken; and bring reconciliation and the brotherly care shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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READING

Mark 12:1-12

HOMILY

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Salvator Mundi

Jesus, Saviour of the world come to us in your mercy :
we look to you to save and help us.

**By your life laid down on the Cross you set your people free :
we look to you to save and help us.**

When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples :
we look to you to come to our help.

**In the greatness of your mercy loose us from our chains :
forgive the sins of all your people.**

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer :
save and help us that we may praise you.

**And when you come in your glory make us to be one with you :
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

**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 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 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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

Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham'
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)