



St Jerome and the Awkward Presence of Reality

Evening Prayer

During Creationtide
30 Sept 2020



Newbury, St George & St John

**Welcome to Evening Prayer
with St George the Martyr, Wash Common and
St John the Evangelist, Newbury.**

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

We invite you to participate with us in this service as we close the day in prayer.

Please put your settings on mute for the service until the dismissal where we will all respond.



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The Greeting

A candle is lit.

The Lord is my light and my salvation:
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God 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.**

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.

Amen.

The Word of God. Psalm 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us •
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, •
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, •
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, •
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, •
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

*In the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
with all your people,
may we make known your grace
and walk in the ways of peace;
for your name's sake.*

**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

Gospel Reading Mark 13.1-13

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

‘As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Jerome and the Awkward

A period of reflection

Climate Activism Video

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Refrain:

**Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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

**Remember your promise of mercy,
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

Collect

Lord of all creation
Whose glory is around and within us:
Open our eyes to your wonders,
That we may serve you with reverence
And know your peace at our lives end,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer *is said*

Let us pray in confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For theine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Responses

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

Stay with us Lord, it is evening:
and the day is almost over.

The darkness is not dark to you:
the night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness:
and fill your church with your glory.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.



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