



'The perfection of learning is to know God in such a way that, though you realise he is knowable, yet you know him as indescribable.'

Hilary of Poitiers

EVENING PRAYER

Teacher...how might we know?



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.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.
As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Psalm 47 *Universal Rejoicing*

Refrain: ***O sing praises to God, sing praises.***

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; •
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared; •
he is the great king over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued peoples under us •
and nations under our feet.
- 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, •
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
- 5 Gone has gone up with a merry noise, •
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; •
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; •
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; •
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together; •
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the power of the earth belongs to God •
and he is very highly exalted.

Refrain: ***O sing praises to God, sing praises***

**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 Readings 1 Corinthians 2 1-11,16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

*'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him'—
For who has known the mind of the Lord
So as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Canticle

Refrain:

All **You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God •
to receive glory and honour and power.
- 2 For you have created all things, •
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, •
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
- 4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God, •
and they will reign with you on earth.

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**All You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

Revelation 4.11;5.9b,10

Gospel Reading

John 8.25-32

They said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.' They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.' As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'

Short Reflection

Arise, shine, for the light has come;
the glory of the Lord is riding upon you.

**Arise Shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

The Glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

from Isaiah 60

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Refrain:

**Those who keep and teach the commandments
will be considered great in heaven.**

- 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

**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.**

Refrain:

**Those who keep and teach the commandments
will be considered great in heaven.**

Intercessions are offered

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Collect of the day is said

Everlasting God,
whose servant Hilary
steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ
to be both human and divine:
grant us his gentle courtesy
to bring to all the message of redemption
to the incarnate Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *is said*

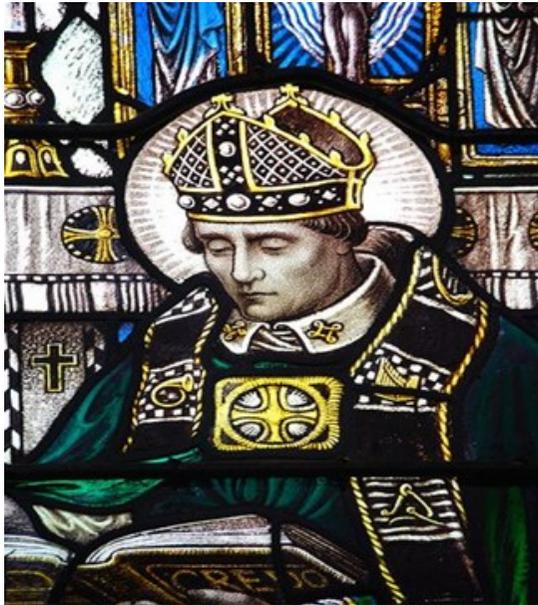
Believing the promises of God,
As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Closing Blessing

May Christ who sends us the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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