



Bede, Augustine and all the Saints—an Ecclesiastical History

Evening Prayer before Trinity
26th May 2021



Newbury, St George & St John

Welcome to Evening Prayer with the churches of St George and St John, Newbury.

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

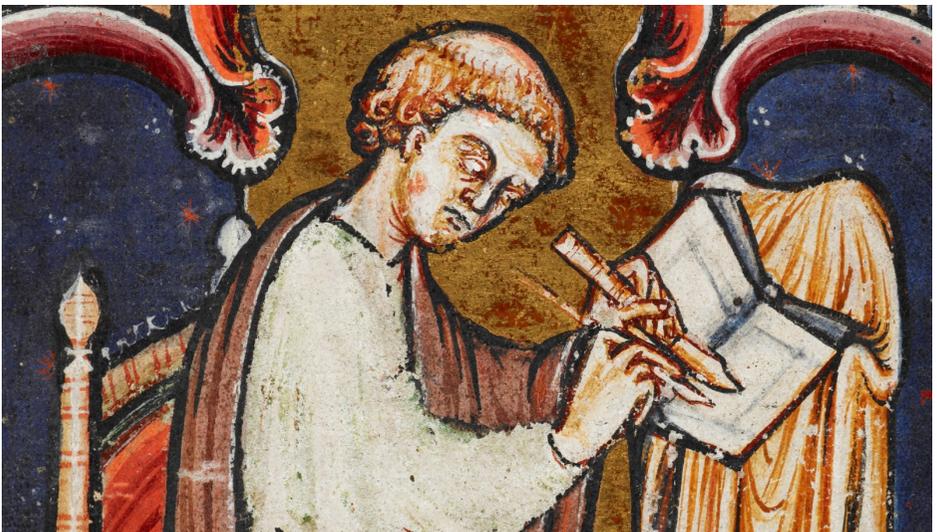
Please put your settings on mute for the service until the dismissal where we will all respond.

Bede

St Bede - also known as the Venerable Bede - is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars. He wrote around 40 books mainly dealing with theology and history.

At the age of seven he was entrusted to the care of Benedict Biscop, who in 674 AD had founded the monastery of St Peter at Wearmouth. In 682 AD, Bede moved the monastery at Jarrow, where he spent the rest of his life. By the age of 19 he had become a deacon and was promoted to priest at 30. His scholarship covered a huge range of subjects, including commentaries on the bible, observations of nature, music and poetry. His most famous work, which is a key source for the understanding of early British history and the arrival of Christianity, is 'The Ecclesiastical History of the English People' which was completed in 731 AD. It is the first work of history in which the AD system of dating is used.

Bede died in his cell at the monastery in May 735 AD.



The Greeting

A candle is lit.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those
who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

With my whole heart I want to praise You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Who could stand? who could stand?

**I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word do I hope.**

**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.**

A Hymn of Enduring Love. Psalm 136

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, •
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ² **Give thanks to the God of gods, •
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁴ **Who alone does great wonders, •
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- ⁵ Who by wisdom made the heavens, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁶ **Who laid out the earth upon the waters, •
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- ⁷ Who made the great lights, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁸ **The sun to rule the day, •
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- ⁹ The moon and the stars to govern the night, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁴ **And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, •
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- ²³ Who remembered us when we were in trouble, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²⁴ **And delivered us from our enemies, •
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- ²⁵ Who gives food to all creatures, •
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁶ **Give thanks to the God of heaven, •
for his mercy endures for ever.**

*Remember us, O God, and shape our history,
form our inward eyes
to see the shadow of the life-giving cross
in the turbulence of our time;
for his sake who died for all,
Christ our Lord.*

Refrain: **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ
from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence
and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home
and dwell with him in your house 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.**

Scripture Reading Luke 9.37-50

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who

sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.’

John answered, ‘Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.’

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Short reflection

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.**

The Magnificat (*The Song of Mary*)

Well done, good and faithful servant:

you have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over much.

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.**

Prayers.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

The Collect

Almighty God,

whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
of the English people:

grant that as he laboured in the Spirit

to preach Christ's gospel in this land,

so all who hear the good news

may strive to make your truth known in all the world;

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.

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and 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.

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