

# Holy Thursday: Evening Prayer

## INTRODUCTION

**Leader:** God, + come to my assistance.

**All:** – Lord, make haste to help me.

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** – as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## *Musical selection:*

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 30

#### Antiphon:

**Leader:** I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me;

**All:** I will praise you for ever.

**Leader:** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me \*  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

**All:** O Lord, I cried to you for help \*

and you, my God, have healed me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, \*  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

**Leader:** Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, \*

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favor through life. \*

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

**All:** I said to myself in my good fortune: \*

“Nothing will ever disturb me.”

Your favor had set me on a mountain fastness, \*

then you hid your face and I was put to confusion.

**Leader:** To you, Lord, I cried, \*

to my God I made appeal:

“What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? \*

Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?"

**All:** The Lord listened and had pity. \*  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, \*  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. \*  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

### Psalm Prayer

**Reader:** God our Father, glorious in giving life, and even more glorious in restoring it, when his last night on earth came, your Son shed tears of blood, but dawn brought incomparable gladness. Do not turn away from us, or we shall fall back into dust, but rather turn our mourning into joy by raising us up with Christ.

**Leader:** I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me;

**All:** I will praise you for ever.

### Psalm 32

#### Antiphon:

**Leader:** The one who is sinless in the eyes of God

**All:** is blessed indeed.

**Leader:** Happy the man whose offense is forgiven, \*  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord †  
imputes no guilt, \*  
in whose spirit is no guile.

**All:** I kept it secret and my frame was wasted. \*  
I groaned all the day long  
for night and day your hand \*  
was heavy upon me.  
Indeed, my strength was dried up \*  
as by the summer's heat.

**Leader:** But now I have acknowledged my sins; \*  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: "I will confess \*  
my offense to the Lord."  
And you, Lord, have forgiven \*  
the guilt of my sin.

**All:** So let every good man pray to you \*  
in the time of need.  
The floods of water may reach high \*  
but him they shall not reach.  
You are my hiding place, O Lord; †  
you save me from distress. \*  
You surround me with cries of deliverance.

**Leader:** I will instruct you and teach you \*  
the way you should go;  
I will give you counsel \*  
with my eye upon you.

**All:** Be not like horse and mule, unintelligent, †  
needing bridle and bit, \*  
else they will not approach you.  
Many sorrows has the wicked †  
but he who trusts in the Lord, \*  
loving mercy surrounds him.

**Leader:** Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, \*  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy, \*  
all you upright of heart.

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## Psalm Prayer

**Reader:** You desired, Lord, to keep from us your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but confessing our sins we come back to you. Embrace us that we may rejoice in your mercy together with Christ your beloved Son.

**Leader:** The one who is sinless in the eyes of God  
**All:** is blessed indeed.

## Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

**Leader:** The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship;  
**All:** all people will obey him.

**Leader:** We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, \*  
who is and who was.  
You have assumed your great power, \*  
you have begun your reign.

**All:** The nations have raged in anger, \*  
but then came your day of wrath  
and the moment to judge the dead: \*  
the time to reward your servants the prophets  
and the holy ones who revere you, \*  
the great and the small alike.

**Leader:** Now have salvation and power come, †  
the reign of our God and the authority \*  
of his Anointed One.  
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, \*  
who night and day accused them before God.

**All:** They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb †  
and by the word of their testimony; \*  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
So rejoice, you heavens, \*  
and you that dwell therein!

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
All as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Leader:** The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship;  
**All:** all people will obey him.

## READING

## **Hebrews 13:12-15**

**Reader:** Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go out to him outside the camp bearing the insult which he bore. From here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

### **Brief reflection:**

### **RESPONSORY**

**Leader:** To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

**All:** – To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

**Leader:** Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

**All:** – I make my prayer for mercy.

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** – To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**Leader:** You are not yet fifty years old; how can you have seen Abraham?

**All:** In very truth I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.

### **Canticle of Mary**

#### **Luke 1:46-55**

**Leader:** The soul rejoices in the Lord

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**All:** From this day all generations will call me blessed: †

the Almighty has done great things for me, \*

and holy is his Name.

**Leader:** He has mercy on those who fear him \*

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

**All:** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

**Leader:** He has come to the help of his servant Israel \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Leader:** You are not yet fifty years old; how can you have seen Abraham?  
**All:** In very truth I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.

### **INTERCESSIONS:**

**Leader:** Christ the Lord gave us a new commandment, of love for each other. Let us pray to him:

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

**Leader:** Good Master, teach us to love you in our neighbor,  
– and in serving them to serve you.

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

**Leader:** On the cross you asked pardon for your executioners,  
– give us strength to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

**Leader:** Through the mystery of your body and blood, deepen our love, our perseverance and our trust,

– strengthen the weak, console the sorrowful, and give hope to the dying.

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

**Leader:** Light of the world, you gave light to the man born blind when he had washed in the pool of Siloam,

– enlighten catechumens through the water of baptism and the word of life.

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

**Leader:** Give to the dead the perfect joy of your eternal love,  
– and number us also among your chosen ones.

**All:** Lord, build up your people in love.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Leader:** Remember us, Lord, when you come to your kingdom and teach us how to pray:)

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.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Leader:** Lord,  
come to us:  
free us from the stain of our sins.

Help us to remain faithful to a holy way of life,  
and guide us to the inheritance you have promised.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

– Amen.

## DISMISSAL

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** – And with your spirit.

**Leader:** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All – Amen.**

**Leader:** Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God

A hymn may be played here.

