

Evening Prayer for Monday – Wednesday In Holy Week

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.
Thanks be to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and walk with you in newness of life,
singing the praises of him who died
for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm: Monday Psalm 36.5-10
 Tuesday Psalm 71.1-12
 Wednesday Psalm 70

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Monday – Isaiah 42.1-9
 Tuesday – Isaiah 49.1-7
 Wednesday – Isaiah 50.4-9a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

The Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Second Reading: Monday – John 12. 1-11
 Tuesday – John 12.20-36
 Wednesday – John 13.21-32

The Canticle

A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

**Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *
that you should follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
When he suffered, he did not threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, *
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but now have returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

Monday: "Gather Me to Be with You" – Ted Loder

As Holy Week begins, I acknowledge that I am going into darkness,
but there is hope and renewal at the end. God comfort me: Gather
me to be with you...

Tuesday: "How Shall I Pray" – Ted Loder

I am one step closer to the crucifixion. What is going on? Why is it
feeling so dark? Where are you God? How shall I pray...?

Wednesday: "I Teeter on the Brink of Endings" – Ted Loder

Judas has gone out – the die is cast – what will be will be – but this
unexpected end is terrifying. Help me: I teeter on the Brink of
Endings...

Silence

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

Let us offer our praises and prayers to the one who intercedes
for us,
saying, "Lamb of God, we praise you."

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross
so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Innocent captive, you submitted to the judgement of sinners:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Lord, you love all whom God has made
and gave up your own self for them:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Through your self-offering
you have brought the crown of life to all people:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Collect

God of suffering and glory,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life
through the path of obedience.
Inscribe your law in our hearts,
so that in life we may not stray from you
but may be your people. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve with him in joy. **Amen.**