



# Evening Prayer

## Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Michael and All Angels

All      O God, make speed to save us.  
          **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All      Your faithful servants bless you.  
          **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Now, as darkness is falling,  
wash away our transgressions,  
cleanse us by your refining fire  
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.  
By the light of Christ,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,  
where songs of praise for ever sound.  
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.

***Candles are lit.***

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.

**All**

**Amen.**

### **Psalm 138**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

*2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your  
name,  
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.*

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦  
you put new strength in my soul.

*4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

*6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.*

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me; ♦  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

*8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.*

### **Psalm 148**

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦  
praise him in the heights.

*2 Praise him, all you his angels; ♦  
praise him, all his host.*

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦  
praise him, all you stars of light.

*4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦  
and you waters above the heavens.*

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; ♦  
for he commanded and they were created.

*6 He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.*

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

*8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦  
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;*

9 Mountains and all hills, ♦  
fruit trees and all cedars;

*10 Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦  
creeping things and birds on the wing;*

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦  
princes and all rulers of the world;

*12 Young men and women,  
old and young together; ♦  
let them praise the name of the Lord.*

13 For his name only is exalted, ♦  
his splendour above earth and heaven.

*14 He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Alleluia.*

**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.**

*First Reading: Daniel 10.4-21*

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.' So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.'

While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face towards the ground and was speechless. Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, 'My lord, because of the vision such

pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.'

Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

#### *Second Reading: Revelation 5*

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed

for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding  
the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered  
myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full  
voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down  
and worshipped.

*A short reflection follows*

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

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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.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

*from Psalm 73*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.

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The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

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

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*from Psalm 27 and John 1*

### *The Magnificat*

- 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*

**All 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

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
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.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.  
**Amen.**



Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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