



Evening Prayer

Sunday, 1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
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.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 135

1 Praise the name of the Lord; ♦
give praise, you servants of the Lord,

*2 You that stand in the house of the Lord, ♦
in the courts of the house of our God.*

3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; ♦
make music to his name, for it is lovely.

*4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself ♦
and Israel for his own possession.*

5 For I know that the Lord is great ♦
and that our Lord is above all gods.

*6 The Lord does whatever he pleases
in heaven and on earth, ♦
in the seas and in all the deeps.*

7 He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; ♦
he makes lightning with the rain
and brings the winds out of his treasuries.

*8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦
the firstborn of man and beast.*

9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, ♦
upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

*10 He smote many nations ♦
and slew mighty kings:*

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, the king of Bashan, ♦
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

*12 He gave their land as a heritage, ♦
a heritage for Israel his people.*

13 Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ♦
and shall be remembered through all generations.

*14 For the Lord will vindicate his people ♦
and have compassion on his servants.*

15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ♦
the work of human hands.

*16 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ♦
eyes have they, but cannot see;*

17 They have ears, but cannot hear; ♦
neither is there any breath in their mouths.

*18 Those who make them shall become like them, ♦
and so will all who put their trust in them*

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ♦
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

*20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ♦
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.*

*21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ♦
who dwells in Jerusalem.*

**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: Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses

and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading: Luke 14.27-33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

A short reflection follows

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.
**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**
Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.
Be not far from me, O my God.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
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from Psalm 38

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

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
Allo Lord, make haste to help us.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful
love,
Allaccording to your judgement give us life.
One or more of the following is said or sung:
this or another prayer of thanksgiving
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to you be glory and praise for ever.
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hearts
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AllBlessed be God for ever.

[A Song of Entreaty \(page 568\)](#), the following or
another suitable hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

George the Sinner, tr: A W Chatfield
(Tune: SM)

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AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.