

March 1, 2021
Evening Prayer for Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent

God, come to my assistance.

— **Lord, make haste to help me.**

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

— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Ant. 1 Yours is more than mortal beauty; every word you speak is full of grace.

Psalm 45

My heart overflows with noble words.

To the king I must speak the song I have made,
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

**You are the fairest of the children of men
and graciousness is poured upon your lips:
because God has blessed you forevermore.**

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh;
in splendor and state, ride on in triumph
for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

**Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand.
Your arrows are sharp, peoples fall beneath you.
The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.**

Your throne, O God, shall endure forever.
A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.
Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings:
your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.**

From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.
The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

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Ant. 2 The Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

**And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts,
the richest of the people shall seek your favor.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.**

She is led to the king with her maiden companions.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

**Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
you will make them rulers over all the earth.
May this song make your name forever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.**

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Ephesians 1:3-10

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.**

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

**In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.**

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

**A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.**

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BRIEF READING Romans 12:1-2

Brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

RESPONSORY

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

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Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

— I make my prayer for mercy.

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— To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Do not judge others, and you will not be judged, for as you have judged them, so God will judge you.

Luke 1:46-55

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.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

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.**

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.**

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 forever.

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and to the Holy Spirit:**

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and will be forever. Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Glory to God the Father, who has promised through his Son to grant what is asked by those who pray together. With confidence in this promise, let us pray:

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Lord, you gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and brought it to perfection in your Anointed One,

may all recognize the Law written in their hearts, and keep it faithfully as a covenant.

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Give those in authority a true concern for their brothers and sisters entrusted to their care,

and inspire the hearts of the people to support their leaders.

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Strengthen with your Spirit the minds and hearts of missionaries, and raise up a great company to help them from every nation.

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Give your grace to children, that they may grow in your favor, and to young people, that they may reach their full stature by loving you and keeping your commandments.

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters, who have fallen asleep in your peace, bring them at last to eternal life.

Lord, look with favor on your people.

Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

O God, who have taught us to chasten our bodies

for the healing of our souls,

enable us, we pray,

to abstain from all sins,

and strengthen our hearts to carry out your loving commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.