

March 8, 2021

Evening Prayer for Monday of the 3rd 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.**

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Our eyes are fixed intently on the Lord, waiting for his merciful help.

Psalm 123

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

**Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

**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. Our eyes are fixed intently on the Lord, waiting for his merciful help.

Ant. 2 Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124

"If the Lord had not been on our side,"  
this is Israel's song.  
"If the Lord had not been on our side  
when men rose against us,

then would they have swallowed us alive  
when their anger was kindled.

**Then would the waters have engulfed us,  
the torrent gone over us;  
over our head would have swept  
the raging waters.”**

Blessed be the Lord who did not give us  
a prey to their teeth!  
Our life, like a bird, has escaped  
from the snare of the fowler.

**Indeed, the snare has been broken  
and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Ant. 3 God chose us in his Son to be his adopted children.

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.**

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.**

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

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.  
**— I make my prayer for mercy;**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
**— To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy;**

## CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Jesus walked through the crowd and went away.

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.

**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. The Son of Man will be handed over to the Gentiles to be mocked,  
scourged and crucified; and on the third day he will rise again.

## INTERCESSIONS

Our Lord Jesus Christ has saved us from our sins. As his people, let us call out to him:

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

Lord Christ, we pray for your holy Church; you gave yourself up to make it holy, washing it clean by water and the life-giving word, renew it constantly, and purify it by penance.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

Good Master, show young people the way you have chosen for each of them, may they walk in it, and find fulfillment.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

In your compassion you healed all forms of sickness; bring hope to the sick and raise them up, teach us to love and care for them.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

Make us mindful of the dignity you gave us in baptism, may we live for you at every moment.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

May the dead rise to glory in your peace, grant us with them a share in your kingdom.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

Our Father...

## Concluding Prayer

May your unfailing compassion,  
O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church,  
and since without you she cannot stand secure,  
may she be always governed by your grace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

# The Order of the Mass

## 1 Introductory Rites (IR)

Sign of the Cross  
Greeting  
Penitential Rite  
Gloria  
**Collect**

## 2 Liturgy of the Word (LoW)

1- Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
2- Reading  
Gospel Acclamation  
Gospel and Homily  
Nicene Creed  
General Intercessions  
(aka Petitions, aka Universal Prayer)

## 3 Liturgy of the Eucharist (LoE)

Preparation of the Gifts  
The people bring bread and wine to the altar  
The priest presents the bread and wine to God  
The priest may incense the gifts and the altar  
Priest's penitential hand washing  
Prayer over the Offerings  
The Great Eucharistic Prayer  
Thanksgiving (expressed in the Preface)  
Holy, holy, holy  
Epiclesis (calling down upon)  
Institution Narrative and Consecration  
Anamnesis (in memory)  
Oblation (offering)  
Intercessions  
Doxology (glorifying) and Great Amen  
Communion Rite  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Rite of Peace  
The Fraction of the Bread  
Communion  
Prayer after Communion

## 4 Concluding Rites (CR)

Brief announcements, if necessary  
Greeting and Blessing  
Dismissal  
Priest and deacon kiss the altar  
All ministers make a profound bow to the altar

