

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 Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

Psalm 126

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

**The heathens themselves said: "What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!"**

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!**

**Indeed we were glad.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

**They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.**

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. Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

Ant. 2 May the Lord build our house and guard our city.

Psalm 127

If the Lord does not build the house,  
in vain do its builders labor;  
if the Lord does not watch over the city,  
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

**In vain is your earlier rising,  
your going later to rest,  
you who toil for the bread you eat,  
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.**

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,  
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.  
Indeed the sons of youth  
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

**O the happiness of the man  
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!  
He will have no cause for shame  
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.**

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. May the Lord build our house and guard our city.

Ant. 3 He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

Colossians 1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints  
in light.

**He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,  
things visible and invisible.

**All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.**

It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

**It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.**

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 Philippians 2:12b-15a

Work with anxious concern to achieve your salvation. It is God who, in his good will toward you, begets in you any measure of desire or achievement. In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God beyond reproach.

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. The one who obeys God's law and teaches others to do so will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

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.

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## INTERCESSIONS

Blessed be almighty God, who watches over us as a Father; he knows all our needs but wants us to seek first his kingdom. Let us cry out to him as his people:

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

Father of all holiness, you gave us Christ as the shepherd of our souls; stay with your shepherds and the flock entrusted to them, do not leave this flock without the loving care of its shepherd,

do not leave your shepherds without an obedient flock to follow them.

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

Teach Christians to help the weak with loving care, and in serving them to serve your Son.

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

Gather into your Church those who do not yet believe, and help them to build it up by good deeds done for love of you.

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

Help us to turn to you for forgiveness, and, as you forgive us, reconcile us also with your Church.

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

May the dead pass from this world to eternal life, to be with you forever.

**May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.**

Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that,  
schooled through Lenten observance  
and nourished by your word,  
through holy restraint  
we may be devoted to you with all our heart  
and be ever united in prayer.

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.

**Amen.**

# 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

