

March 3, 2021

Evening Prayer for Wednesday 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.**

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Eagerly we await the fulfillment of our hope, the glorious coming of our Savior.

Psalm 62

In God alone is my soul at rest;

my help comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,

my fortress: I stand firm.

**How long will you all attack one man
to break him down,
as though he were a tottering wall,
or a tumbling fence?**

Their plan is only to destroy:

they take pleasure in lies.

With their mouth they utter blessing

but in their heart they curse.

In God alone be at rest, my soul;

for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,

my fortress: I stand firm.

In God is my safety and glory,

the rock of my strength.

Take refuge in God, all you people.

Trust him at all times.

Pour out your hearts before him

for God is our refuge.

**Common folk are only a breath,
great men an illusion.
Placed in the scales, they rise;
they weigh less than a breath.**

Do not put your trust in oppression
nor vain hopes on plunder.
Do not set your heart on riches
even when they increase.

**For God has said only one thing:
only two do I know:
that to God alone belongs power
and to you, Lord, love;
and that you repay each man
according to his deeds.**

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. Eagerly we await the fulfillment of our hope, the glorious coming of our Savior.

Ant. 2 May God turn his radiant face toward us and fill us with his blessings.

Psalm 67

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, has blessed us.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
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Ant. May God turn his radiant face toward us and fill us with his blessings.

Ant. 3 Through him all things were made; he holds all creation together in himself.

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.**

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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.

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:**

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

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INTERCESSIONS

All glory and honor to God, for in the blood of Christ he has ratified a new and everlasting covenant with his people, and renews it in the sacrament of the altar.

Bless your people, Lord.

Lord, guide the minds and hearts of peoples and all in public office,
may they always seek the common good.

Bless your people, Lord.

Renew the spirit of dedication in those who have left all to follow Christ,
may they give clear witness to the holiness of the Church.

Bless your people, Lord.

You have made all men and women in your image,
may they always uphold human dignity.

Bless your people, Lord.

Lead back to your friendship and truth all who have gone astray,
teach us how to help them.

Bless your people, Lord.

Grant that the dead may enter into your glory,
to praise you forever.

Bless your people, Lord.

Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

Keep your family, O Lord,
schooled always in good works,
and so comfort them with your protection here
as to lead them graciously to gifts on high.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.