



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

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# SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER OF EASTER DAY



5:00 p.m.

*All stand as the Ministers enter.*

*A sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day is read.*

*The Minister then says:*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation, all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,  
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
We have offended against thy holy laws,  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
And there is no health in us:  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,  
Restore thou them that are penitent,  
According to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord:

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing:  
the people still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,  
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:  
He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,  
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.  
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,  
and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him, which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and  
repeating it with him.*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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.**

*Priest:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer:* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Priest:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Answer:* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Then shall be said the Psalm as be appointed. [It is said antiphonally, across the Church, by alternate sides, verse 1 beginning on the Vicar's side (the south), verse 2 on the north side].*

## PSALM 66

### *Jubilate Deo*

0 BE joyful in God, all ye lands : sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works : through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God : how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land : so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people : and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us,  
like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our  
loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads : we went through  
fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my  
vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when  
I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :  
I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God : and I will tell  
you what he hath done for my soul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth : and gave him praises with my  
tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not  
hear me.

17 But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his  
mercy from me.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.*

Here begins the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

*Isaiah 25: 1–10a*

Here ends the first lesson.

*And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is said in English, as followeth, all standing.*

*[This Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her response when she learns that she is to become the 'Godbearer' (the 'Theotokos'), the one in and through whom the Son of God first comes to earth. As we repeat her joyful words, we cense the altar, recognising that the Risen Son of God continues to come to us and meet with us in the most holy sacrament of the altar at each eucharist.]*

*MAGNIFICAT*

**MY** soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in **God** my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for  
ever.

**Glory** be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. **Amen.**

*Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.*

Here begins the 13<sup>th</sup> verse of the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Luke:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

He asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'

So he went in to stay with them.



When he was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;  
and he vanished from their sight.  
They said to each other,  
'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on  
the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'  
That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found  
the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,  
'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'  
Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been  
made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Luke 24: 13 – 25*

Here ends the second lesson.

*And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth.*

*NUNC DIMITTIS*

**LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;**

**Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.**

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*All kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

○ Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

○ Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace:  
The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last  
Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.*

### *The Collect of Easter Day*

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### *The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### *A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Royal Family.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless *Charles Prince of Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [*specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese*] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.*

*The Sermon*

*After the Sermon, the priest receives the offerings of the people, blesses them and the people, and all depart.*



**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**  
**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*A joyous and blessed Easter to you  
from all at St George's.*

**Next Sunday, April 24**

**9:30 a.m. Patronal Festival**

**Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life  
and witness of  
George of Lydda, Martyr and our Patron**

**Preacher: The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell**

*followed by a Festive Morning Tea*

**&**

**5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Meditation**

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people  
of the Kulin nation  
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.  
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,  
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,  
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*