

# Daily Evening Prayer

## For the Means of Grace and for the Hope of Glory



**Saturday, 20 April 2024**  
**THE EVE OF THE FOURTH**  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**

### The Order for Evening Prayer

¶ *The officiant will read one of the opening sentences for Eastertide below:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! *St. Mark xvi. 6; St. Luke xxiv. 34.*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm cxviii. 24.*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. xv. 57.*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Col. iii. 1.*

¶ *Then the officiant will continue with the Penitential Rite, saying:*

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *(Or [this exhortation](#), especially during Lent.)*

¶ *To be said by the whole Congregation, together with the Officiant, 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; But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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.

¶ *If a Priest or Deacon officiates, he says.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Evening Responsory.*

*Officiant:*                ✕ O LORD, open thou our lips.

*People:*                    And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant:*                ✕ O GOD, make speed to save us.

*People:*                    O LORD, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and people:*

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.

*Officiant and People:*    Alleluia.

¶ *The canticles are recited by everyone in unison, concluding with the Gloria Patri, all continuing in unison.*

¶ *The following, or some other suitable hymn, may be sung or said.*

*Phos hilaron.*

O GRACIOUS Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,	HAIL, gladdening Light—of his pure glory poured Who is the immortal Father, heavenly,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	blest, Holiest of Holies—Jesus Christ our Lord! Now we are come to sun's hour of rest, The lights of evening round us shine,
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.	We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*(No Gloria Patri after this canticle.)*

¶ *Then shall follow a portion of the Psalms, as appointed.*

¶ *The psalms are recited responsively by whole verse, with a distinct pause at the asterisk. The officiant recites the full first verse and the congregation follows with the second. The Gloria Patri follows each Psalm, except during the Holy Week Triduum.*

¶ *See below at the \* for a note on our Psalm selection practice.*

[The Psalms for the Evening of Day 20](#) in the traditional 30-day cycle.

The Transfiguration, All Saints, Thanksgiving Day, and the Solemnity of Title or of the Patron of the Place. We may also use the Psalm from the lectionary at other times, especially Saturdays, Sundays, or the 31st day of the month at the discretion of the Officiant.

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inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. 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.*

**V:** Let us bless the Lord.

**R:** Thanks be to God.

*The Grace (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)*

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.*

¶ *If Compline is not to follow later in the evening, the Anthem of the Blessed Virgin Mary proper to the season may be said or sung.*

¶ *During Eastertide until First Evensong of Trinity Sunday:*

*Regina Coeli.*

**O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;  
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia,  
Hath arisen, as he promised, alleluia:  
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer.*

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\* The Lectionary is that specified in the [official Ordo for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter](#). We generally use the 30-day traditional Psalm cycle from the Prayer Book, as permitted by the Ordinariate Lectionary, but we list for reference the alternate Psalm cycle in the Lectionary. We use the Psalms from the Lectionary on Christmas, Epiphany, The Purification, Ash Wednesday, The Annunciation, Palm Sunday and Holy Week, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday,

Alternatively Psalms [42](#) and [43](#) appointed for Saturday in Week 2 of the 7-week cycle.

Evening Prayer.

**Psalm 104. *Benedic, anima mea.***

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: \* O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.  
2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, \* and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.  
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, \* and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.  
4 He maketh his angels winds, \* and his ministers a flaming fire.  
5 He laid the foundations of the earth, \* that it never should move at any time.  
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; \* the waters stand above the hills.  
7 At thy rebuke they flee; \* at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.  
8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath; \* even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.  
9 Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, \* neither turn again to cover the earth.  
10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers, \* which run among the hills.  
11 All beasts of the field drink thereof, \* and the wild asses quench their thirst.  
12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, \* and sing among the branches.  
13 He watereth the hills from above; \* the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.  
14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, \* and green herb for the service of men;  
15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; \* and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.  
16 The trees of the Lord also are full of sap; \* even the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;  
17 Wherein the birds make their nests; \* and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.  
18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; \* and so are the stony rocks for the conies.  
19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons, \* and the sun knoweth his going down.  
20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night; \* wherein all the beasts of

the forest do move.

21 The lions, roaring after their prey, \* do seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, \* and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, \* until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! \* in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also; \* wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that leviathan, \* whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee, \* that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them, they gather it; \* and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: \* when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; \* and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; \* the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him; \* if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; \* I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him: \* my joy shall be in the Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, \* and the ungodly shall come to an end.

36 Praise thou the Lord, O my soul. \* Praise the Lord.

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.

*The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 19*

A Lesson from the Book of Deuteronomy.

"When the Lord your God cuts off the nations whose land the Lord your God gives you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, you shall set apart three cities for you in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess. You shall prepare the roads, and divide into three parts the area of the land which the Lord your God gives you as a possession, so that any manslayer can flee to them. "This is the provision for the manslayer, who by fleeing there may save his life. If any one kills his neighbor unintentionally without having been at enmity with him in time past-- as when a man goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon *N.* our Pope, *N.* our Bishop, all bishops, priests, and deacons, and upon the 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.*

¶ *The officiant may close here or choose from the following or other approved collects.*

*A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, *The Governor of this State*, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that she may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Departed*

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we pray for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; [*especially NN.;*] and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee: chiefly the glorious and ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and all thy Saints; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*A General Thanksgiving.*

(*Officiant and people together.*)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [*particularly those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine

*V.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*R.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE EVE OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Good Shepherd Sunday

#### The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion; that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER COMMONLY CALLED GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion; that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

#### *A Collect for Peace.*

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 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.*

#### *A Collect for Aid Against 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 Collect for Saturdays.*

O GOD, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### *A Collect for the Night.*

KEEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *In the Cycle of Prayer, we pray especially for the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Kontum, Viet Nam, the Archdiocese of México, Federal District, the Diocese of Szeged-Csanád, Hungary, and the Diocese of Tula, Hidalgo, México.*

*A Prayer for the Pope, Clergy, and People.*

and his hand swings the axe to cut down a tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies--he may flee to one of these cities and save his life; lest the avenger of blood in hot anger pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and wound him mortally, though the man did not deserve to die, since he was not at enmity with his neighbor in time past. Therefore I command you, You shall set apart three cities. And if the Lord your God enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he promised to give to your fathers-- provided you are careful to keep all this commandment, which I command you this day, by loving the Lord your God and by walking ever in his ways--then you shall add three other cities to these three, lest innocent blood be shed in your land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and so the guilt of bloodshed be upon you. "But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and attacks him, and wounds him mortally so that he dies, and the man flees into one of these cities, then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him from there, and hand him over to the avenger of blood, so that he may die. Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may be well with you. "In the inheritance which you will hold in the land that the Lord your God gives you to possess, you shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which the men of old have set. "A single witness shall not prevail against a man for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed; only on the evidence of two witnesses, or of three witnesses, shall a charge be sustained. If a malicious witness rises against any man to accuse him of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days; the judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother; so you shall purge the evil from the midst of you. And the rest shall hear, and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity; it shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Magnificat. St. Luke i. 46.*

*Antiphon:* The Good Shepherd \* goeth after the lost sheep and findeth it: and layeth it upon his shoulders, and bringeth it home, rejoicing, alleluia.

MY ✕ soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden. 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 showed 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.



*Antiphon:* The Good Shepherd \* goeth after the lost sheep and findeth it: and layeth it upon his shoulders, and bringeth it home, rejoicing, alleluia.

*The Second Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 14:8-end*

A Lesson from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now at Lystra there was a man sitting, who could not use his feet; he was a cripple from birth, who had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and walked. And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, because he was the chief speaker, they called Hermes. And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the people. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out among the multitude, crying, "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways; yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." With these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium; and having persuaded the people, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city; and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Nunc dimittis. St. Luke ii. 29.*

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.

¶ *The Nunc Dimittis is always the last canticle of the day. If Compline is to follow,*

*here the Christus Jesus cum esset is sung instead.*

*The Apostle's Creed.*

**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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: ✠ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Lesser Litany.*

¶ *Whenever the officiant is a layperson:*

¶ *Only if the officiant is a priest or deacon:*

*Lay* O Lord hear our prayer.  
*Officiant:*

*Priest or* The Lord be with  
*Deacon:* you.

*People:* **And let our cry come unto thee.**

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Lord's Prayer.*

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

*The Suffrages.*

*V.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*R.* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*V.* O Lord, save the State.

*R.* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*V.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*R.* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*V.* O Lord, save thy people.

*R.* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*V.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*R.* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**