

Evening Prayer on Holy Wednesday

Opening Hymn - #96 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

<https://youtu.be/zibWoP4RJ14>

Thanksgiving

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and walk with you in newness of life,
singing the praises of him who died
for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever.

Psalms 74

O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
Why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
**Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago,
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,
and Mount Zion where you dwell.**
Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.
**Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.**
They were like men coming up with axes
to cut down a grove of trees;

**they broke down all your carved work
with hatchets and hammers.**

They set fire to your holy place;
they defiled the dwelling place of your name
and razed it to the ground.

**They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether."
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.**

There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left;
there is not one among us who knows how long.

How long, O God, will the adversary scoff?

Will the enemy blaspheme your name for ever?

Why do you draw back your hand?

Why is your mighty hand hidden in your bosom?

**Yet you are my sovereign from ancient times,
victorious in the midst of the earth.**

You divided the sea by your might
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

**You crushed the heads of Leviathan
and gave it to the people of the desert for food.**

You split open spring and torrent;
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

**Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you established the moon and the sun.**

You fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter.

**Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed,
how a foolish people despised your name.**

Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts;
never forget the lives of your poor.

**Look upon your covenant;
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.**

Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
let the poor and needy praise your name.

**Arise, O God, maintain your cause;
remember how fools revile you all day long.**

Forget not the clamour of your adversaries,
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Second Reading - John 12:27-36- <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=547717661>

Silence

Canticle - A Song of Mary (The Magnificat)
(<https://youtu.be/1acpuj8koao>)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Litany

With confidence and trust, let us pray to the Lord, saying
Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For those preparing for baptism and its renewal and for their teachers and
sponsors,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow
among nations and peoples,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For those who are poor, persecuted, or sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,
prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For all whom we have injured or offended,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
we pray to you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

add your own intercessions and thanksgivings

Collect

Sovereign God,
you have established your rule over the human heart,
not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ.
Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession
of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues
and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - #386 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

(<https://youtu.be/s83MsV3kocl>)

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Service from Pray Without Ceasing, an offering of the Anglican Church of Canada for personal use only.