

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

Magnificat ant. Do great things for us, O Lord, for you are mighty, and Holy is your name.

INTERCESSIONS

Recognising the union with other Christians which is ours through our common baptism we pray:

R. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

1. Father, free us from our sins of prejudice and intolerance, forgive us our lack of courage; give us a new heart, put a new spirit in us, so that we may truly recognise you as our God, and live in harmony with one another as your people. **R.**
2. We pray for all those whose ministry gives them a special share in Christ's work of teaching, sanctifying and guiding his flock. **R.**
3. Father, keep all pastors in integrity of life and tenderness of heart, so that, walking humbly before you, they may draw all who believe in you into one flock, with Christ as its chief shepherd. **R.**
4. Father, you have revealed yourself to mankind throughout the ages; give to the Jewish people, whom you first called to be your own, and to Muslims, Hindus and people of other living faiths, the fullness of revelation that comes from knowing you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **R.**
5. We acknowledge that our sins and failings have created new obstacles between our fellow Christians and ourselves and left many older barriers untouched, and so we pray: **R.**
6. *Pause for those who wish to add an intercession*
7. Grant eternal rest to our beloved faithful departed. **R.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, hear our prayers which we offer you through your Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit; bring us and all humankind into your kingdom where with the same Son and Holy Spirit you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENING PRAYER - Tuesday

V. O God, come to our aid

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN: DAY IS DONE

Day is done, but Love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
Calms every fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of Love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near!

Dark descends, but Light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight;
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!



PSALMODY

Ant. 1: You cannot serve both God and wealth

The uselessness of riches

Psalm 48 (49)

The rich man will find it very hard to enter the kingdom of heaven (Mt 19:23)

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Héar this, áll you péoples,*
give héed, all who dwéll in the wórlð,
mén both lów and high,*
rích and póor alike!

My líps will speak wórds of wísdóm.*
My héart is fúll of ínsíght.
I will túrn my mínd to a párablé,*
with the hárp I will sólvé my próblém.

Why should I fear in evil days*
the malice of the foes who surround me,
men who trust in their wealth,*
and boast of the vastness of their riches?

For no man can buy his own ransom,*
or pay a price to God for his life.
The ransom of his soul is beyond him. †
He cannot buy life without end,*
nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both perish*
and leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes for ever, †
their dwelling place from age to age,*
though their names spread wide through the land.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:*
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant: You cannot serve both God and wealth.

Ant. 2: Store up treasure for yourselves in heaven, says the Lord.

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This is the lot of those who trust in themselves,*
who have others at their beck and call.
Like sheep they are driven to the grave, †
where death shall be their shepherd*
and the just shall become their rulers.

With the morning their outward show vanishes*
and the grave becomes their home.
But God will ransom me from death*
and take my soul to himself.

Then do not fear when a man grows rich,*
when the glory of his house increases.
He takes nothing with him when he dies,*
his glory does not follow him below.

Thought he flattered himself while he lived:*
'Men will praise me for all my success,'
yet he will go to join his fathers,*
who will never see the light any more.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:*
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant: Store up treasure for yourselves in heaven, says the Lord.

Ant. 3: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive glory and honour.

Hymn of the redeemed

Canticle: Rev 4:11; 5:9,10,12

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,*
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,*
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord,*
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, †
and by your blood you ransomed men for God*
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,*
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,*
and honour and glory and blessing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive glory and honour.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 3:23-25a

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put
forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show
God's righteousness.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. You will give me the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord. **Repeat R.**
V. I will find happiness at your right hand for ever. **R.** Glory be. **R.**

Magnificat ant. Do great things for us, O Lord, for you are mighty, and Holy
is your name.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

