Evening Prayer for Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Fore-Office

The Invitatory and Psalter

V: O God, make speed to save us.
R: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, *
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; *
give the arrogant their just deserts.
3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, *
how long shall the wicked triumph?
4 They bluster in their insolence; *
all evildoers are full of boasting.
5 They crush your people, O LORD, *
and afflict your chosen nation.
6 They murder the widow and the stranger *
and put the orphans to death.
7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, *
the God of Jacob takes no notice."
Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand? 
He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see? 
He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge? 
The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are. 
Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law; 
To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked. 
For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own. 
For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it. 
Who rose up for me against the wicked? * who took my part against the evildoers? 
If the LORD had not come to my help, * I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence. 
As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," * your love, O LORD, upheld me. 
When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul. 
Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law? 
They conspire against the life of the just * and condemn the innocent to death. 
But the LORD has become my stronghold, * and my God the rock of my trust. 
He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them. 

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
3 For the LORD is a great God, *  
and a great King above all gods.  
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.  
9 They put me to the test, *  
though they had seen my works.  
10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *  
This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."  
11 So I swore in my wrath, *  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from Mark 8:1-10 (NRSV)

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way-- and some of them have come from a great distance." His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" He asked them, "How
many loaves do you have?” They said, "Seven." Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary Magnificat
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 for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

V: The Lord be with you.
R: And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Collect of the Day

O God, with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light: Quench our thirst with living water, and flood our darkened minds with heavenly light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.


In the heavenly kingdom * the souls of the saints are rejoicing, those who walked in the footsteps of Christ their Master, for love of whom they gave without stint their very life-blood; therefore with Christ they now reign for ever and ever.

V. Let the Saints be joyful with glory.
R. Let them rejoice in their beds.

Almighty God, you called your servant Óscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that we, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14