

Monday Holy Week - Evening Prayer



*“Unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth
and dies,
it remains only
a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.”
Jn 12:24*

Opening responses:

Christ, the Lord was tempted and suffered for us.

O come, let us worship.

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

O come, let us worship.

*Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

O come, let us worship.

And by his wounds, we have been healed.

O come, let us worship.

Hymn: ‘O Lord of our salvation’ (sheet)

Psalm 121

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My help comes from God who made heav - en and earth.

lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the LORD
who made heaven and earth.

May God never allow you to stumble!
Let your guard not sleep.
Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering,
Israel's guard.

The LORD is your guard and your shade;
and stands at your right.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The LORD will guard you from evil,
and will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

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

Reading: *Luke 22: 39-46: Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives*

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to his disciples, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

A time of Silence

Response: 'The Reproaches' v. 1-4

O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I offended you? Answer me! – Kyrie eleison.

(at the beginning: first solo, all repeat)

O my people, what have I done to you? In what have
I offended you? Answer me! Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

**1. I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom;
but you led your Saviour to the cross. – O my people...**

**2. For forty years I led you safely through the desert,
I fed you with manna and brought you to a land of plenty;
but you led your Saviour to the cross. – O my people...**

**3. I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness;
when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink
and you pierced your Saviour with a lance.
– O my people...**

**4. I led you from slavery to freedom
and drowned your captors in the sea,
but you handed me over to your high priests. – O my people...**

Intercessions:

We offer our prayers to God in the silence of our hearts.

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer:

*Jesus, on the eve of your passion and death,
you found comfort in the company of your friends.
In the truest sign of friendship,
you gave your life for them and for us.
Help us to live the call of the gospel more deeply.
Let our relationship with one another be a sign of your presence. Help us
to live and die in your love,
that we may live with your forever. AMEN.*

Blessing Prayer

**May the Lord be with us to guide us,
Within us to strengthen us,
Without us to protect us,
Above us to raise us,
Beneath us to uphold us,
Before us to lead us,
Behind us to guard us,
Ever about us this day and evermore. AMEN.**

Taizé Chants:

*'Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Saviour.'*

'Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.'

We wish you a blessed Holy Week

