

Vespers for Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter

[\(Anselm of Canterbury, Archbishop of Canterbury and Theologian, 1109\)](#)

Opening Sentence

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

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.

Alleluia

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
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 your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are 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.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 37: Part I *Noli aemulari*

I will witness that the Lord is righteous, hallelujah.

¹ Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

⁶ He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
⁷ Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
⁸ Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
⁹ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
¹⁰ For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
¹¹ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
¹² But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
¹³ The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.
¹⁴ The Lord laughs at the wicked, *
because he sees that their day will come.
¹⁵ The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
¹⁶ Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be broken.
¹⁷ The little that the righteous has *
is better than great riches of the wicked.
¹⁸ For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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.

I will witness that the Lord is righteous, hallelujah.

Psalm 37: Part II *Novit Dominus*

¹⁹ The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, *
and their inheritance shall last for ever.

The LORD loves justice; he does not forsake his faithful ones, hallelujah.

²⁰ They shall not be ashamed in bad times, *
and in days of famine they shall have enough.
²¹ As for the wicked, they shall perish, *
and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.
²² The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
but the righteous are generous in giving.
²³ Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, *
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.
²⁴ Our steps are directed by the LORD; *
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.
²⁵ If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, *
for the LORD holds them by the hand.
²⁶ I have been young and now I am old, *
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

²⁷ The righteous are always generous in their lending, *
and their children shall be a blessing.

²⁸ Turn from evil, and do good, *
and dwell in the land for ever.

²⁹ For the LORD loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

³⁰ They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

³¹ The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.

³² The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
and their tongue speaks what is right.

³³ The law of their God is in their heart, *
and their footsteps shall not falter.

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 LORD loves justice; he does not forsake his faithful ones, hallelujah.

Psalm 37: Part II (cont.)

The Lord is a stronghold in time of trouble, hallelujah.

³⁴ The wicked spy on the righteous *
and seek occasion to kill them.

³⁵ The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, *
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

³⁶ Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; *
he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

³⁷ I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, *
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

³⁸ I went by, and behold, they were not there; *
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

³⁹ Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; *
for there is a future for the peaceable.

⁴⁰ Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; *
the future of the wicked is cut off.

⁴¹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴² The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

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.

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The Lessons

A reading from John 14:18-31 (NRSV)

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Here ends the Reading.

God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.

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.

God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.

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

Almighty God, whose servant Anselm helped your church to understand its faith in your eternal Being, perfect justice, and saving mercy: Provide your church in all ages with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Commemoration of Second Sunday of Easter

Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed; Blessed are they who have not seen me and yet believe, alleluia.

V. Stay with us, Lord, alleluia.

R. For it is evening, alleluia.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20*

Regina Caeli

V: O Queen of heaven, be joyful : *Alleluia*
R: For he who was born of your body : *Alleluia*
V: Has arisen as he promised : *Alleluia*
R: 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 your Son Jesus Christ gave gladness to the world: Grant, we pray, that we, aided by the prayers of the Virgin Mary his mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*