

O God come to our aid.

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.

### Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Sion, thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the clouds from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise: 'I am with you ever more'?

### Psalm 26 (27)

*God has exalted him at his own right hand as leader and Saviour. Alleluia.*

The Lord is my light and my help;\*  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;\*  
before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near\*  
to devour my flesh,  
it is they, my enemies and foes,\*  
who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me\*  
my heart would not fear.  
Though war break out against me\*  
even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,\*  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,\*  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,\*  
to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent\*  
in the day of evil.  
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,\*  
on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised\*  
above my foes who surround me  
and I shall offer within his tent†  
a sacrifice of joy.\*  
I will sing and make music for the Lord.

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**Psalm 26 (27)**

*I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Alleluia.*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; \*  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken: \*  
'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; \*  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger; \*  
you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, \*  
O God my help!  
Though father and mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me, Lord, in your way; \*  
on an even path lead me.  
When they lie in ambush protect me \*  
from my enemy's greed.  
False witnesses rise against me, \*  
breathing out fury.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness \*  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. \*  
Hope in the Lord!

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**Canticle**

(Colossians 1)

*From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.*

Let us give thanks to the Father, †  
who has qualified us to share \*  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness \*  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the firstborn of all creation,  
for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, \*  
visible and invisible.

All things were created \*  
through him and for him.  
He is before all things, \*  
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; \*  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead, \*  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, \*  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, \*  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

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### **Short Reading**

**Hebrews 7:24-27**

Jesus, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself.

### **Short Responsory**

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.  
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They saw the Lord.  
The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Magnificat**

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for what you will and you shall have it, alleluia.*

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.

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.

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*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for what you will and you shall have it, alleluia.*

### **Prayers and intercessions**

Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. **℟** Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Lord, remember those who are consecrated to your service; - may they set before your holy people the example of their lives. **℟**

Grant to those who rule us your spirit of justice and peace; - may men and women be united, heart and soul. **℟**

Make our daily life a pilgrimage of salvation; - let the earth be rich and plentiful to meet the needs of the poor. **℟**

Christ, our Saviour, light of the world, you have called all mortal men and women to imperishable life; - shed eternal light on our departed brothers and sisters. **℟**

Evening Prayer – Wednesday of Easter Week 5

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Lord our God, you love innocence of heart, you restore it when we have lost it.  
Lead the hearts of your devoted people to yourself, so that freed from the blindness of unbelief,  
they may never abandon the light of your truth.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Amen.

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