

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE EVENING PRAYER

GREETING

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

PREPARATION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit, and made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept for one minute

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:
Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free your from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

Hear us when we cry to you.

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING

St Mark 12:18-27

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and

raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

ADDRESS

SONG OF WORSHIP

Lord, I come to you

Lord I come to you
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I found in you.
And Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of your love.

*Hold me close,
let your love surround me.
Bring me near,
draw me to your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on,
in the power of your love.*

Lord unveil my eyes,
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love
as you live in me.
Lord renew my mind
as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day
by the power of your love.

PRAISE

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the times had fully come you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

In him the fullness of your glory dwells. To you be glory and praise for ever.

PRAYERS

We pray to the Lord: in faith we pray.

We pray to your our God.

Silence is kept for one minute

That the rest of this day may be holy, peace full and full of your presence; in faith we pray.

We pray to your our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice; in faith we pray

We pray to your our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious; in faith we pray

We pray to your our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom; in faith we pray

We pray to your our God.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT

O Lord, from whom all good things come: Grant to us your humble servant, that, by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

a light no darkness can quench.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:

and the day is almost over.

The darkness is not dark to you:

The night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness:

and fill you church with your glory. Amen.