



Evening Prayer – Friday & Saturday in Holy Week

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross, stir up in us the fire of your love, so that we may be cleansed from all our sins and walk with you in newness of life, singing the praises of him who died for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Friday – Psalm 40:1-19; Lamentations 3:1-9

Saturday – Psalm 27; Lamentations 3:37-58

Sermon

Born in Human Likeness MV 47

***Born in human likeness, found in human form:
Jesus, "God is with us," we proclaim your glory!***

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Let us offer our praises and prayers to the one who intercedes for us, saying, "Lamb of God, we praise you."

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

Innocent captive, you submitted to the judgement of sinners:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief and opened to him the door of paradise:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

Most merciful Saviour, you have known the pain of abandonment:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

Lord, you love all whom God has made and gave up your own self for them:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

Through your self-offering you have brought the crown of life to all people:

Lamb of God, we praise you.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the persecuted Church;*
- *the oppressed peoples of the world;*
- *all who are lonely;*
- *all who are near to death and*
- *all who are facing loss.*

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**

Standing at the foot of the cross and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 forever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.

Amen.

Saturday Anthem – You Must Love Me from Evita