



A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME

Sunday 5th July 2020

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

HYMN: ICH 576

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast’.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found him in a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live’.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
from that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light:
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright’.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: KINGSFOLD Adapted from an English folk song by R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING RESPONSES:

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

God, make speed to save us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.

PSALM: 27

The Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear *

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh *
they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid *
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require *

even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of
the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle *
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness *
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee *
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face *
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me *
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour *
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me *
the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord *
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries *
for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted *
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure *
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Glory be to the Father:
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 3:1

David inquired of the LORD, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The LORD said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the LORD, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

THE CANTICLE MAGNIFICAT:

**My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: Luke 18:31-19:10

Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

THE CANTICLE NUNC DIMITTIS:

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.**

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord,
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we final lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

In praise of God

Let our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord that we may sing of your glory, for you have counted us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may learn of your righteousness all the day long. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Liturgy of John Chrysostom and Basil the Great

For the family of Noah Donohoe

Lord, this dreadful thing has happened, and our minds are baffled, our spirits weighed down with grief. It is beyond our understanding why this young life should be taken, or why his mum and family should be called upon to suffer so terrible a loss. Yet we know that life is full of mystery and that many others at this time are facing similar problems and enduring similar anguish. Help them to bear their sorrow without bitterness, and not to question your love; for to whom can we look for comfort but to you, O Lord? Speak your word of peace to their hearts; ease their pain and lift their darkness; and be to them a very present help in trouble; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Frank Colquhoun

In the midst of painful personal transition

Pilgrim God, there is an exodus going on in my life: desert stretches, a vast land of questions. Inside my head your promises tumble and turn. No pillar of cloud by day or fire by night that I can see. My heart hurts at leaving loved ones and so much of the security I have known. I try to give in to the stretching and the pain. It is hard, God, and I want to be settled, secure, safe and sure. And here I am feeling so full of pilgrim's fear and anxiety. O God of the journey, lift me up, press me against your cheek. Let your great love hold me and create a deep trust in me. Then set me down, God of the journey; take my hand in yours, and guide me ever so gently across the new territory of my life.

Joyce Rupp

For the persecuted and their persecutors

Lord Jesus, you experienced in person torture and death as a prisoner of conscience. You were beaten and flogged and sentenced to an agonizing death though you had done no wrong. Be now with prisoners of conscience throughout the world, and especially at this time those in Hong Kong. Be with them in their fear and loneliness, in their physical and mental suffering, and in the face of inhumane treatment, injury and death. Stretch out your hands in power to break their chains. Be merciful to the oppressor and the torturer and place a new heart within them. Forgive all injustice in our lives and transform us to be instruments of your peace, for by your wounds we are healed.

Amnesty International

For the light of hope

Grant, O God, that amidst all the discouragements, difficulties and dangers, distress and darkness of this mortal life, we may depend upon your mercy, and on this build our hopes, as on a sure foundation. Let your infinite mercy in Christ Jesus deliver us from despair, both now and ever.

Thomas Wilson

A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN: ICH 214

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptised, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words, and signs, and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

Words: Anon. 15th century Latin tr. Benjamin Webb (1820-85)

Tune: EISENACH Melody by J.H. Schein (1586-1630) in his revised Cantional (1645) harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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