

Morning Prayer on Wednesday 25 November 2020

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Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of Trust in God - we say this together

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;
when shall I come before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my bread day and night,
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:
how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who kept holy day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**All 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 night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

A short time of silence follows.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 112

1 Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour.

10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

**All 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 first reading is from the Book of Isaiah chapter 40, verse 27 to chapter 41, verse 7

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgement. 2 Who has roused a victor from the east, summoned him to his service? He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. 3 He pursues them and passes on safely, scarcely touching the path with his feet. 4 Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, am first, and will be with the last. 5 The coastlands have seen and are afraid, the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. 6 Each one helps the other, saying to one another, 'Take courage!' 7 The artisan encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, 'It is good'; and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

The second reading is from the Book of Revelation, chapter 16, verses 1 to 11

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, 'Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.' 2 So the first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped its image. 3 The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died. 4 The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, 'You are just, O Holy One, who are and were, for you have judged these things; 6 because they shed the blood of saints and prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!' 7 And I heard the altar respond, 'Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgements are true and just!' 8 The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire; 9 they were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and they did not repent and give him glory. 10 The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness; people gnawed their tongues in agony, 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.

This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A short silence will follow

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) - we say this together

**All You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All 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.**

**All You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

Intercessions are offered

Response: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

A short silence will follow.

The Collect of the day

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

***All 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.***

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.
All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.