

Evening Prayer – Tuesday 28th April 2020

INTRODUCTION

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. Alleluia.

Psalm 124 *Peace be with you, it is I: do not be afraid. Alleluia.*

Those who trust in the Lord are like the mountain of Zion: it cannot be shaken, it will stand firm for ever.

Jerusalem – the mountains stand guard over it, and the Lord stands guard over his people, both now and for ever.

The sceptre of the wicked shall not rest upon the inheritance of the just; lest the just themselves stretch out their hand and turn to wickedness.

Be good, O Lord, to the good and the upright of heart. As for those who turn away to crooked paths, the Lord shall treat them like the doers of evil.

Peace be on Israel!

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.

Peace be with you, it is I: do not be afraid. Alleluia.

Psalm 130 *O Israel, hope in the Lord. Alleluia.*

Lord, I do not puff myself up or stare about, or walk among the great or seek wonders beyond me.

Truly calm and quiet I have made my spirit quiet as a weaned child in its mother's arms –
like an infant is my soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, now and for all time.

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.

O Israel, hope in the Lord. Alleluia.

Canticle

Apocalypse 4,5

The song of the redeemed

May your whole creation serve you, for you spoke and they came into being. Alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honour and power;
for you made all things, and it is by your will that they exist and were created.

You are worthy, Lord, to receive the book and open its seals, for you were killed, and with your blood you have ransomed people from every tribe and language and people and nation, and made them rulers and priests for God; and they will rule over the earth.

The Lamb is worthy, who was killed, to receive power and riches and wisdom, strength and honour, glory and blessing.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Short Reading

1 Peter 2:4-5

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

– *The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.*

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

– *The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– *The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.*

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

The bread of God is that which came down from heaven and gives life to the world. Alleluia.

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God, my salvation.*

*For he has shown me such favour –
me, his lowly handmaiden.*

*Now all generations will call me blessed,
because the mighty one has done great things for me.*

*His name is holy,
his mercy lasts for generation after generation
for those who revere him.*

*He has put forth his strength:
he has scattered the proud and conceited,
torn princes from their thrones;
but lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
he has remembered his mercy as he promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

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.

The bread of God is that which came down from heaven and gives life to the world. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions – *Our response is King of Glory, hear us - King of Glory, hear us*

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ who was buried in the heart of the earth to awake in the light of glory. – *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for bishops, priests and deacons: may they be dedicated to their ministry; grant that they may present to you a people ready for every kind of good work.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for those who serve the Church as teachers of the faith: may they always seek your truth with sincerity of heart.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for all the faithful: may they run the great race, finish the course; let them receive the crown of victory in the kingdom of heaven.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

Lord, you cancelled on the cross our sentence of damnation; free us from the darkness of our sins.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

You descended into hell and opened wide its gates; receive the faithful departed into your Father's house.

– King of glory, hear us.

We bring our own prayers....

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

**God our Father,
you open the gates of the kingdom of heaven
to those who are born again of water and the Holy Spirit
Increase the grace you have given,
so that the people you have purified from all sin
may not forfeit the promised blessings of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

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