

## Evening Prayer – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

O God, come to my aid.

– O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### Psalm 19 (20)

**Ant 1:** Now our God reigns, and power belongs to Christ, his anointed one. Alleluia.

May the Lord hear your prayer in the day of tribulation, may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from his holy place from Zion, may he extend his protection.

**May he remember every one of your sacrifices and find merit in your burnt-offerings.**

**May he deal with you as your heart desires and bring all your plans to fulfilment.**

We will rejoice in your salvation, we will raise our banners in the name of God; may the Lord grant all your prayers.

**Now I know that the Lord keeps his anointed one safe: in his sanctuary in heaven he hears his prayer, and lends the support of his strong right hand.**

Some put their faith in chariots and some in horses, but we invoked the name of the Lord our God. They stumbled and fell, but we rose and we stand upright.

**Lord, keep the king safe, and hear our prayer whenever we call upon you.**

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.

**Ant:** Now our God reigns, and power belongs to Christ, his anointed one. Alleluia.

### Psalm 20 (21)

**Ant. 2** You have assumed your great power, you have begun your reign. Alleluia.

**Lord, the king will rejoice in your strength, he will triumph in your saving power.**

**You have granted him his heart's desire, you have not denied the wish that he spoke.**

**For you showered him with blessings even before he asked for them. You have placed a crown of purest gold upon his head. He asked you for life, and you granted it to him, length of days for ever and for ever.**

Great is his glory through your help: you cover him with splendour and majesty. You lay a blessing upon him that will last for ever, you make him rejoice in joy before you. For the king hopes in the Lord, and through the kindness of the Most High he will not be shaken.

**Stand high above us, Lord, in your power; and we will sing and celebrate your might.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant.** You have assumed your great power, you have begun your reign. Alleluia.

### **Canticle**      **Apocalypse 4,5**

**Ant. 3** May your whole creation serve you, for you spoke and they came into being. Alleluia.

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honour and power.

**For you have created all things; by your will they came to be and were made.**

Worthy are you, O Lord to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

**For you were slain; with your blood you purchased for God men from every race and tongue, of every people and nation.**

You made of them a kingdom, and priests to serve our God, and they shall reign on earth.

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and praise.**

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

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

Our reading is taken from the First letter of St 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.

#### RESPONSORY

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.  
– The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,  
– alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Canticle      Magnificat

**Ant.** If you loved me you would have been glad that I am going to the Father. Alleluia.

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant.** If you loved me you would have been glad that I am going to the Father. Alleluia.

#### INTERCESSIONS

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ who was buried in the heart of the earth to awake in the light of glory.  
(our response is) King of glory, hear us.. *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.

For a moment in silence we bring our own prayers...

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven,....

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Lord our God, in the resurrection of Christ you create us anew for eternal life. Grant your people firmness in faith and constancy in hope: let us never doubt that you will fulfil what we know you have promised.**

**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.**

### **Corona Virus Prayer**

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

### **Blessing**

May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.