

Evening Prayer – 19th 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 48 (49)

Ant 1: Look for the things of heaven, not for the things which are upon this earth. Alleluia.

All peoples, listen – all who live in the world, hear what I have to say: humble and great together, rich and poor alike!

My mouth will speak wisdom, my inmost thoughts will bring good counsel. I will turn my ears to a mystery, I will expound a riddle on the lyre

Why should I be fearful in times of trouble, when the crimes of usurpers hem me in? They trust in their own strength and glory in their great riches.

But, after all, man cannot redeem himself, he cannot ransom himself before God. The price of his soul's redemption is too great, he cannot pay it – the price of eternal death avoided. He will see that even the wise die; the foolish and the stupid too will perish, and their riches will pass to others.

Their tombs will be homes to them for ever their dwelling-place for all generations, even if the lands they owned are named after them. Though he be full of honour, man will not endure: he is like the beasts of burden, that die; he is like the beasts that perish.

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: Look for the things of heaven, not for the things which are upon this earth. Alleluia.

Psalm 48 (49)

Ant. 2 The Lord has saved my soul from the power of death, alleluia.

Those who trust in themselves – this is the road they take. This is the end of those who boast. Like sheep they go down into the underworld, and death is their shepherd. They will fall headlong into the grave: their faces will be eaten away, and the underworld will be their dwelling-place.

But God will ransom my life; truly he will lift me from the grasp of the underworld. Do not fear, when a man becomes rich and the glory of his house increases. When he dies, he will not take it with him, his glory will not follow him down to the grave. Even if he calls himself blessed, says "see how they praise me for my success," still he will join his fathers, cut off from light, for ever.

Though he be full of honour, yet he does not understand. He is like the beasts of burden, that die; he is like the beasts that perish.

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.

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Canticle *Apocalypse 4,5*

Ant. 3 Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power, the glory and the victory. 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.

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

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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. I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you. 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.**

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

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INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to Christ, who by his resurrection strengthens his people in hope (our response is) Ever-living Christ, hear us... *Ever-living Christ, hear us.*

Lord Jesus, from your opened side there poured out blood and water; cleanse the Church, your bride, from every stain of sin.. Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Good shepherd, risen from the dead, you gave to the apostle Peter the care of your flock; may Pope Francis ., be ever strengthened in charity and zeal. **Ever-living Christ, hear us.**

Beside the lake of Galilee, you directed your disciples to a great catch of fish; direct the work of your disciples today, and give them your abundant blessing. Ever-living Christ, hear us.

On the shore of the lake you prepared food for your disciples; help us to find your joy in caring for others.. **Ever-living Christ, hear us.**

Jesus, the last Adam, life-giving Spirit, conform the dead to your likeness; make their joy complete.. Ever-living Christ, hear us.

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

We say together...

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

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, grant your people constant joy in the renewed vigour of their souls. They rejoice because you have restored them to the glory of your adopted children: let them look forward gladly in the certain hope of resurrection. 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.