

Evening Prayer – 5th May 2020

God, come to my assistance.

– **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.**

Ant. 1 Sing for us one of Zion's songs, alleluia. (Psalm 137:1-6)

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy, "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs."

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

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

Ant. Sing for us one of Zion's songs, alleluia.

Ant. 2 **Though I am surrounded by affliction, you preserve my life, alleluia.** (Psalm 138)

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: "How great is the glory of the Lord!"

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

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. **Though I am surrounded by affliction, you preserve my life, alleluia.**

Ant. 3 Yours, O Lord, is majesty and power, glory and triumph, 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 of 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 the 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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READING -1 Peter 2:4-5 -

Come to the Lord, a living stone, rejected by men but approved, nonetheless, and precious in God's eyes. You too are living stones, built as an edifice of spirit into a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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 of Mary

Ant. I know my sheep and they follow me; I give them eternal life, 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.

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INTERCESSIONS

By his resurrection Christ has given sure hope to his people. Let us ask him with our whole hearts:

(our response is) Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer. ***Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.***

Lord Jesus, from your wounded side flowed blood and water, – make the Church your spotless bride.

Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Chief shepherd, after your resurrection you made Peter shepherd of your flock when he professed his love for you,
– increase from day to day the love and devotion of Francis our Pope. ***Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.***

You showed your disciples how to make a great catch of fish, – send others to continue their work as fishers of people. Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

At the lakeside you prepared bread and fish for your disciples, – grant that we may never allow others to die of hunger. **Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.**

Jesus, the new Adam and life-giving spirit, transform the dead into your own likeness, – that the fullness of your joy may be theirs. Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

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

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we celebrate the resurrection, may we share with each other the joy the risen Christ has won for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and 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.