

Evening Prayer – 16th June 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.

Psalm 125

Ant 1: The Lord surrounds his people with his peace.

Those who put their trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, that cannot be shaken, that stands for ever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and for ever.

For the sceptre of the wicked shall not rest over the land of the just for fear that the hands of the just should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good, to the upright of heart; but the crooked and those who do evil, drive them away!

On Israel Peace

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: The Lord surrounds his people with his peace.

Psalm 131

Ant. 2 Unless you acquire the heart of a child, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. As a child has rest in its mother's arms, even so my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

Glory 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.

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Canticle Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12

Ant. 3 Lord, you have made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father.

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.

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.

Glory 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.

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Romans 12:9-12

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer.

RESPONSORY

Through all eternity, O Lord, your promise stands unshaken.

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Your faithfulness will never fail;

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Canticle Magnificat

Ant. Y My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

**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

God establishes his people in hope. Let us cry out to him with joy: (our response is) You are the hope of your people, Lord..... ***You are the hope of your people, Lord.***

**We thank you, Lord, – because in Christ you have given us all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
You are the hope of your people, Lord.**

O God, in your hands are the hearts of the powerful; bestow your wisdom upon government leaders, – may they draw from the fountain of your counsel and please you in thought and deed. **You are the hope of your people, Lord.**

The talents of artists reflect your splendour, may their work give the world hope and joy. You are the hope of your people, Lord.

You do not allow us to be tested beyond our ability, strengthen the weak and raise up the fallen. **You are the hope of your people, Lord.**

Through your Son you promised to raise men up on the Last Day, do not forget those who have died. You are the hope of your people, Lord.

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

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, may our evening prayer rise up to you, and your blessing come down upon us. May your help and salvation be our now and through all eternity. 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.