Evening Prayer – Tuesday 14th July 2020

O God, come to my aid.

- O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be 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 124 (125)

Ant 1: The Lord surrounds his people.

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 hands 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.

Ant: The Lord will give victory to his Anointed One.

Psalm 130 (131)

Ant. 2 Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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.

Ant. Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Canticle Apocalypse 4,5

Ant. 3 Lord, you made us a kingdom and priests to serve our God.

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 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. Lord, you made us a kingdom and priests to serve our God.

Our reading is taken from Romans 12:9-12

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying

RESPONSORY

Your word, O Lord, will endure for ever.

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Your truth will last from age to age.

- Your word, O Lord, will endure for ever.

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

- Your word, O Lord, will endure for ever.

Canticle Magnificat

Ant. My spirit exults in the Lord 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.

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.

Ant. My spirit exults in the Lord God, my saviour.

INTERCESSIONS

God has established his people in hope. Nothing can break the confidence of those who love him. Let us proclaim: **Father, our trust is in you.**

We give you thanks, Lord God, for you have made man rich in all wisdom and insight. - Father, our trust is in you.

Lord God, you know the hearts of all rulers May they work for the good of the people they govern.. **Father, our trust is in you.**

Lord, you empower mankind to glorify this world with art: make our work live with vision and true hope. - Father, our trust is in you.

You do not allow us to be tempted beyond our limits: strengthen the weak, raise up the fallen - **Father, our trust is in you.**

Father, you have promised men a share in your Son's resurrection on the last day: remember those who have gone before us on the path to eternal life. - Father, our trust is in you.

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

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let our evening prayer rise up before your throne of mercy, Lord, and let your blessing come down upon us, so that now and for ever your grace may help and save us. We ask this 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.

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.