

Evening Prayer – Tuesday 7th July 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: You cannot serve both God and wealth.

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.

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

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: The Lord will give victory to his Anointed One.

Psalm 48 (49)

Ant. 2 Build-up treasure for yourselves in heaven, says the Lord.

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:

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Canticle Apocalypse 4,5

Ant. 3 Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive glory and honour.

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 ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Ant. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive glory and honour.

Our reading is taken from Romans 3:23-25

All have sinned and forfeited God's glory, and all are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith.

RESPONSORY

You will give me the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

– **You will give me the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

I will find happiness at your right hand for ever.

– **You will give me the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

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

– **You will give me the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

Canticle Magnificat

Ant. Do great things for us, O Lord, for you are mighty, and Holy is your name.

**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 ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Christ is the shepherd of his flock: he loves and cares for his people. We turn to him in trust and say: (our response is) Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer..... **Lord, we need your care.**

Christ our Lord, you are pastor of all the ages, protect our Bishop Diarmuid, and all the pastors of your Church. Lord, we need your care.

Be with those who are persecuted for their faith, and those cut off from the support of the Church: Good Shepherd, in their pain and isolation may they know your care. **Lord, we need your care.**

Bring healing to the sick; give nourishment to the hungry. Lord, we need your care.

We remember those who make our laws and those who apply them: Lord, give them wisdom and discernment. **Lord, we need your care.**

Gather the flock for which you laid down your life: bring home to their Father's house all who have died in your peace. Lord, we need your care.

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

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Yours is the day and yours is the night, Lord God: let the Sun of Justice shine so steadily in our hearts that we may come at length to that light where you dwell eternally.

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.