

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY. EVENING PRAYER

GREETING

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

PREPARATION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit, and made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness. Together, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for one minute

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:
Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.
Hear us when we cry to you.

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.
Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING

St Mark 8:28-34

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, 'What have you to do with

us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?' Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, 'If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.' And he said to them, 'Go!' So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood.

ADDRESS

ANTHEM

Hear my prayer, O Lord

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

PRAISE

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.
To you be glory and praise for ever.
From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.
To you be glory and praise for ever.
When the times had fully come you sent the Sun of Righteousness.
In him the fullness of your glory dwells. To you be glory and praise for ever.

PRAYERS

We pray to the Lord: in faith we pray.
We pray to you our God.

Silence is kept for one minute

That the rest of this day may be holy, peace full and full of your presence; in faith we pray.
We pray to you our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice; in faith we pray
We pray to you our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious; in faith we pray
We pray to you our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom; in faith we pray

We pray to you our God.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT

O Lord, from whom all good things come: Grant to us your humble servant, that, by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
and the day is almost over.

The darkness is not dark to you:
The night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness:
and fill your church with your glory. Amen.