

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020: A LATE EVENING OFFICE

PREPARATION

Blessed be our God for all time, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Glory to you, our God, glory be to you,
Holy Spirit, Comforter,
treasure of all goodness and giver of life,
come and dwell in us,
cleans us from all sin,
and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 145

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

1 I will exalt you, O | God my | King, ■
and bless your | name for | ever and | ever.
2. Every day | will I | bless you ■
and praise your | name for | ever and | ever.
3 Great is the Lord and | highly •to be | praised; ■
his greatness is be|yond all | searching | out.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

4 One generation shall praise your | works •to an|other ■
and de|clare your | mighty | acts.
5. They shall speak of the majesty | of your | glory, ■
and I will tell of | all your | wonderful | deeds.
6 They shall speak of the might of your | marvellous | acts, ■
and I will | also | tell of your | greatness.
7† They shall pour forth the story of your a|bundant | kindness ■
and | joyfully | sing •of your | righteousness.
8 The Lord is | gracious and | merciful, ■
long-suffering | and of | great | goodness.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

9. The Lord is | loving to | everyone ■
and his mercy is | over | all his | creatures.
10 All your works | praise you, O | Lord, ■
and your | faithful | servants | bless you.
11 They tell of the | glory •of your | kingdom ■
and | speak of your | mighty | power,
12† To make known to all peoples your | mighty | acts ■
and the glorious | splendour | of your | kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an ever|lasting | kingdom; ■
your dominion en|dures through|out all | ages.

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSORY

PSALM

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

14 The Lord is sure in | all his | words ■
and | faithful in | all his | deeds.

15. The Lord upholds all | those who | fall ■
and lifts up all | those who are | bowed | down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O | Lord, ■
and you give them their | food in | due | season.

17. You open | wide your | hand ■
and fill | all things | living with | plenty.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

18 The Lord is righteous in | all his | ways ■
and | loving in | all his | works.

19 The Lord is near to those who | call up | on him, ■
to all who | call up | on him | faithfully.

20. He fulfils the desire of | those who | fear him; ■
he | hears their | cry and | saves them.

21 The Lord watches over | those who | love him, ■
but all the | wicked shall | he des | troy.

22 My mouth shall speak the | praise of the | Lord, ■
and let all flesh bless his holy | name for | ever and | ever.

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

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.**

Psalm-Prayer

King of the universe,
you show the bright glory of your reign
in acts of mercy and enduring love;
raise the spirits of the downcast
and restore those who have fallen away,
that we may sing for ever of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING

Matthew 15: 32-39

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

MEDITATION

A period of meditation on the reading follows.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ■

your | word has | been ful|filled.

2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation ■

which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.

3 A light to re|veal you · to the | nations ■

and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.

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.

PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord with all our heart and with all our soul.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all Christian people, that they may live in love and truth.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all ministers of the Church, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, and for all governments.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our neighbours and for all our friends.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for those who hate us as we pray for those who love us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for refugees and prisoners, and for all who are exposed to the dangers of travel.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all sick people, for the sorrowful and the dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and that the poor and hungry may receive a just share.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters who have entered into eternal rest.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

SILENT OR OPEN PRAYER

Let us continue praying in a time of open prayer.

A period of open prayer follows.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

THE COLLECTS

Look down, O Lord,
from your heavenly throne,
illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness,
and from the children of light
banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God our Creator,
by whose mercy and might
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:
We give into your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only those things which you bless will prosper.
To your great love and protection
we commit each other and all for whom we have prayed,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

COMMON COLLECT

Lord Almighty,
come and scatter the darkness of our hearts
by the light of your presence;
that we may know you the Light of the world
and the one true God,
blessed this night and for evermore. Amen.

THE ENDING

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

May the Almighty and merciful God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. Amen.