

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 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 106: 1-18

Refrain: Remember me, O Lord; visit me in the day of your salvation.

1 Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is | gracious, ■
for his | faithfulness en|dures for | ever.

2 Who can express the mighty | acts •of the | Lord ■
or | show forth | all his | praise?

3. Blessed are those who ob|serve •what is | right ■
and | always | do •what is | just.

4 Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you | bear •for your | people; ■
visit me in the | day of | your sal|vation;

5† That I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the | gladness •of your | people, ■
and ex|ult with | your in|heritance.

Refrain: Remember me, O Lord; visit me in the day of your salvation.

6 We have | sinned •like our | forebears; ■
we have done | wrong and | dealt | wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,
nor remember the abundance of your | faithful | love; ■
they rebelled against the Most | High •at the | Red | Sea.

8. But he saved them for his | name's | sake, ■
that he might | make his | power •to be | known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea and it was | dried | up; ■
so he led them through the | deep as | through the | wilderness.

10 He saved them from the | adversary's | hand ■
and redeemed them | from the | hand •of the | enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters | over|whelmed them; ■
there | was not | one of them | left.

12† Then they be|lieved his | words ■
and | sang a|loud his | praise.

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSORY

PSALM

Refrain: Remember me, O Lord; visit me in the day of your salvation.

13 But soon they for|got his | deeds ■
and | would not | wait •for his | counsel.
14 A craving | seized them •in the | wilderness, ■
and they put | God •to the | test •in the | desert.
15 He gave them | their de|sire, □
but sent a | wasting | sickness a|mong them.
16. They grew jealous of | Moses •in the | camp ■
and of Aaron, the | holy one | of the | Lord.
17 So the earth opened and | swallowed up | Dathan ■
and covered the | company | of A|biram.
18 A fire was | kindled •in their | company; ■
the | flame burnt | up the | wicked.

Refrain: Remember me, O Lord; visit me in the day of your salvation.

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

Holy God,
when our memories blot out your kindness
and we ignore your patient love,
remember us, re-make us,
and give to us poor sinners
the rich inheritance of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING

Mark 11: 20-25

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.' Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, "Be taken up and thrown into the sea", and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

'Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.'

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.

INTERCESSIONS

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

O God,
You have designed this wonderful world,
and know all things good for us.
Give us such faith
that, by day and by night,
at all times and in all places,

we may without fear
entrust those who are dear to us
to your never-failing love,
in this life
and in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Send your peace into our hearts, O Lord,
at the evening hour,
that we may be contented with your mercies of this day,
and confident of your protection for this night;
and now, having forgiven others,
even as you forgive us,
may we have a pure comfort
and a healthful rest
within the shelter of this home;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.