

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022: 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.

OPENING PRAYER

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

RESPONSORY

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
**he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.**
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
**I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'**
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

PSALMS

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and he is very highly exalted.

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.**

A READING

Luke 9: 37-43

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

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

BLESSING