

Wednesday 21 October 2020: Evening Prayer

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead us,
and bring us to your holy hill and dwelling.

PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A PSALM

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a | new | song, ♦
for | he •has done | marvellous | things.
2. His own right hand and his | holy | arm ♦
have | won for | him the | victory.
3 The Lord has made | known his sal|vation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly | shown •in the | sight of the | nations.
4. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the | house of | Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal|vation | of our | God.
5 Sound praises to the Lord, | all the | earth; ♦
break into | singing | and make | music.
6 Make music to the | Lord •with the | lyre, ♦
with the | lyre •and the | voice of | melody.

7. With trumpets and the | sound of the | horn ♦
sound praises be | fore the | Lord, the | King.

**8 Let the sea thunder and | all that | fills it, ♦
the world and | all that | dwell up | on it.**

9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he | comes to | judge the | earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he | judge the | world ♦
and the | peoples | with | equity.**

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
**as it was in the be | ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.**

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1 : 46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who 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.

God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel.
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
**as it was in the be | ginning, is | now, ♦
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.**

A READING

Matthew 17: 22-27

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.' And they were greatly distressed.

When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, 'Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?' He said, 'Yes, he does.' And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, 'What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?' When Peter said, 'From others', Jesus said to him, 'Then the children are free. However, so that we do not give offence to them, go to the lake and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.'

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We give you thanks, Almighty God,
for the gift of the Church and its people and its work:
For the mothers and fathers of the faith, and all the faithful of time past;
for your holy prophets and apostles,
and all martyrs and saints in every age and in every land;
for all who serve you as servants and stewards of your divine mysteries,
and those who have taught us your story and shown us your ways.

We thank you, O Lord.

You have made us one with your saints in heaven and earth:
Grant that in our pilgrimage, we may always be supported
by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves
to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy.

Hear us, O Lord.

We offer prayers for the holy catholic Church, and all who seek the Truth:
For the holy communities of which we are a part in Wicklow and Killiskey
and for our ecumenical partners:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

For all bishops, priests, ministers, and leaders:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

For the companions to whom we have promised
our faithfulness and prayers:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

**Accept the prayers of your people, we pray, and in your mercy,
Look with compassion on all who turn to you for help:
Grant that we may find you and be found by you;
That our divisions may cease; that we may be united in your truth;
And walk together in love to bear witness to your glory in the world. Amen.**

O God,
without you we are not able to please you;
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You have taught us to keep your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us the grace of your Spirit that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another in pure affection through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In your providence, you have given your servants various gifts: Grant your grace to all who are called to any office or ministry, and so fill them with truth and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lighten our darkness, O Lord we pray
and in your great mercy defend us
in all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Grant, O Lord,
that the word which we hear this day
may so take root in our hearts,
that we, living in accordance with your holy will,
may ever praise and magnify your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Now with all your people, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught those he called brothers and sisters and friends:

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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE ENDING

Thanks be to God – Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.

**May the Lord be with us,
may the holy angels bring us peace,
and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with us. Amen.**