

A LATE EVENING OFFICE – Wednesday 26th May 2021

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, cleanse us from all sin, and in your love bring us to salvation.

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

Psalm 104 v 24 – 36

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

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.

Reading – John 20 v 19 – 23 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus

came and stood among them and said, “**Peace be with you.**”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “**Peace be with you.** As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”²³ If you **forgive the sins** of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Meditation.

Musical Reflection

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you

PRAYERS – Let us pray:

For the Church and your people Lord, that they will serve you faithfully with humility, holiness and vision.

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

For our President and members of government and all world leaders, that they will promote peace and justice, freedom and human well-being.

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

For those places in the world where food is scarce and poverty is common or life is dangerous, we pray that conditions will improve for all who struggle,

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

For our families and all who are close to us, that they will be protected from harm and guided in the right way.

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

For those who are ill or in pain; suffering at home or in hospital, for those undergoing treatment or tests, that they will be comforted and healed.

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

For those parted from someone they love, in recent times or in the distance past. May they be comforted in love, and lifted by hope in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord of Peace Hear our prayer.

Let us continue praying in silence (Silence is kept)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace in the Land of the Holy One

God of creation and of re-creation, we call on you for the gift of peace in these times of sorrow and of devastation in the Land of The Holy One.

We bring before you all those who suffer and all those who respond to their cry for compassion and understanding, for dignity and justice.

We pray for those who are injured and maimed, whose families are ripped apart and whose homes and livelihoods are gone. Our prayer and our hope, Lord God are for the sound of harmony and the voice of humanity. We ask in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

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