

A LATE EVENING OFFICE – Wednesday 21st July 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 115 – Praise of the Lord’s love and faithfulness.

¹ Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. ² Why do the nations say, Where is their God?”

³ Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

⁴ But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.

⁶ They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell.

⁷ They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

⁸ Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

⁹ All you Israelites, trust in the LORD — he is their help and shield.

¹⁰ House of Aaron, trust in the LORD — he is their help and shield.

¹¹ You who fear him, trust in the LORD — he is their help and shield.

¹² The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless his people Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD — small and great alike.

¹⁴ May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children.

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

¹⁶ The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to mankind. ¹⁷ It is not the dead who praise the LORD, those who go down to the place of silence; ¹⁸ It is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore. 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 – Luke 15 1 – 7 - The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Meditation.

Reflection – The King of Love my Shepherd is.

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.**

Prayers - 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 eternal rest.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Let us continue praying in silence *Silence is kept*

Lord, in your mercy **hear our 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. 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

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