

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021: 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 39

I said, 'I will keep watch over my ways, ♦
so that I offend not with my tongue.
**'I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, ♦
while the wicked are in my sight.'**
So I held my tongue and said nothing; ♦
I kept silent but to no avail.
**My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me; ♦
while I mused, the fire was kindled
and I spoke out with my tongue:**
'Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, ♦
that I may know how short my time is.
**'You have made my days but a handbreadth,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; ♦
truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.**
'We walk about like a shadow
and in vain we are in turmoil; ♦
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.
**'And now, what is my hope? ♦
Truly my hope is even in you.**
'Deliver me from all my transgressions ♦
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.'
**I fell silent and did not open my mouth, ♦
for surely it was your doing.**
Take away your plague from me; ♦
I am consumed by the blows of your hand.
**With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you consume our beauty; ♦
truly, everyone is but a breath.**
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; ♦
hold not your peace at my tears.
**For I am but a stranger with you, ♦
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.**
Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, ♦
before I go my way and am no more.

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSORY

PSALM

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 16: 19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’.

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

INTERCESSIONS

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.
Pause to name those on our minds and hearts
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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.

COLLECTS

Visit, O Lord, we pray,
our homes,
and drive away all the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell herein
and guard us in peace;
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have given your followers
an example of gentleness and humility,
a task that is easy, a burden that is light.
Accept the prayers and work of this day,
and give us the rest that will strengthen us
to render more faithful service to you
who live and reign for ever and ever. 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.