

A Late Evening Office
Wednesday 26th January 2022

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 44

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forebears have told us, ◆
all that you did in their days, in time of old;
- 2 **How with your hand you drove out nations and planted us in, ◆
and broke the power of peoples and set us free.**
- 3 For not by their own sword did our ancestors take the land ◆
nor did their own arm save them,
- 4 **But your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, ◆
because you were gracious to them.**
- 5 You are my King and my God, ◆
who commanded salvation for Jacob.
- 6 **Through you we drove back our adversaries; ◆
through your name we trod down our foes.**
- 7 For I did not trust in my bow; ◆
it was not my own sword that saved me;
- 8 **It was you that saved us from our enemies ◆
and put our adversaries to shame.**
- 9 We gloried in God all the day long, ◆
and were ever praising your name.
- 10 **But now you have rejected us and brought us to shame, ◆
and go not out with our armies.**
- 11 You have made us turn our backs on our enemies, ◆

and our enemies have despoiled us.

12 **You have made us like sheep to be slaughtered, ♦**

and have scattered us among the nations.

13 You have sold your people for a pittance ♦

and made no profit on their sale.

14 **You have made us the taunt of our neighbours, ♦**

the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.

15 You have made us a byword among the nations; ♦

among the peoples they wag their heads.

16 **My confusion is daily before me, ♦**

and shame has covered my face,

17 At the taunts of the slanderer and reviler, ♦

at the sight of the enemy and avenger.

18 **All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you ♦**

and have not played false to your covenant.

19 **Our hearts have not turned back, ♦**

nor our steps gone out of your way,

20 Yet you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals, ♦

and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 **If we have forgotten the name of our God, ♦**

or stretched out our hands to any strange god,

22 Will not God search it out? ♦

For he knows the secrets of the heart.

23 **But for your sake are we killed all the day long, ♦**

and are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

24 Rise up! Why sleep, O Lord? ♦

Awake, and do not reject us for ever.

25 **Why do you hide your face ♦**

and forget our grief and oppression?

26 Our soul is bowed down to the dust; ♦

our belly cleaves to the earth.

27 **Rise up, O Lord, to help us ♦**

and redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be for ever. Amen.**

A READING
from the Luke 4:38-44

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

MEDITATION
on the Reading

A CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

**1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.**

**2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.**

**3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Glory

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.

Let us continue praying in a time of open prayer.

- A period of open prayer follows -

The leader brings either of these to an end saying:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

COLLECT

The Conversion of Saint Paul (25th January)

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
Grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 for 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

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.
Amen.