

## COMPLINE

Wednesday 9th February 2022

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen**

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5: 8, 9)

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

A PSALM

### **Psalms 81; 82**

1 Sing merrily to God our strength, ◆

shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel, ◆**

**the tuneful lyre with the harp.**

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, ◆

as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

**4 For this is a statute for Israel, ◆**

**a law of the God of Jacob,**

5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, ◆

when they came out of the land of Egypt.

**6 I heard a voice I did not know, that said: ◆**

**'I eased their shoulder from the burden;**

**their hands were set free from bearing the load.**

7 'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; ♦

I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

**8 'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: ♦**

**O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

9 'There shall be no strange god among you; ♦

you shall not worship a foreign god.

**10 'I am the Lord your God,**

**who brought you up from the land of Egypt; ♦**

**open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'**

11 But my people would not hear my voice ♦

and Israel would not obey me.

**12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, ♦**

**and let them walk after their own counsels.**

13 O that my people would listen to me, ♦

that Israel would walk in my ways!

**14 Then I should soon put down their enemies ♦**

**and turn my hand against their adversaries.**

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, ♦

and their punishment would last for ever.

**16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat ♦**

**and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.**

## **Psalm 82**

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; ♦

in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

**2 'How long will you judge unjustly ♦**

**and show such favour to the wicked?**

3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; ♦

defend the right of the humble and needy;

**4 'Rescue the weak and the poor; ♦**

**deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;

they walk on still in darkness: ♦

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods** ◆

**and all of you children of the Most High,**

7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals ◆

and fall like one of their princes.'

**8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,** ◆

**for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.**

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 5: 27-32**

**27** After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." **28** And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

**29** And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. **30** And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

AN ADDRESS

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.**

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

A CANTICLE

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,**

**according to thy word.**

**2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy 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.**

**Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake  
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Let us pray  
Lord, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy

## 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.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers,  
**to be praised and glorified above all for ever;**

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven  
**to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

**We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, Through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, Forgive us all our sins, Deliver us from all evil, Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, And bring us to life everlasting; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us  
**that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.  
**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**and let our cry come unto thee.**

Let us pray

## THE COLLECTS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end.

**Amen**

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, our homes, and drive away all the snares of the enemy; Let thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

**For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us this night and for evermore.

**Amen.**