

## WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2022: 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,  
cleanse us from all sin,  
and in your love bring us to salvation.

### OPENING PRAYER

### THE LITANY

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Saviour of the world,  
forgive our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
that we may amend our lives according to your holy word,  
and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
**Give us your peace.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### *Psalm 13*

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? ♦  
**How long will you hide your face from me?**  
How long shall I have anguish in my soul  
and grief in my heart, day after day? ♦  
**How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**  
Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; ♦  
**lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

### PSALMS

Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' ♦  
**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**  
But I put my trust in your steadfast love; ♦  
**my heart will rejoice in your salvation.**  
I will sing to the Lord, ♦  
**for he has dealt so bountifully with me.**

*Psalm 124*

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦  
**now may Israel say;**  
If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦  
**when enemies rose up against us;**  
Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦  
**when their anger burned against us;**  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦  
**over our soul would have swept the raging waters.**  
But blessed be the Lord ♦  
**who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**  
Our soul has escaped  
as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦  
**the snare is broken and we are delivered.**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

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 9: 10-17*

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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 reveal 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.  
**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

**SILENT OR 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.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent,  
enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;  
that by following in the Way,  
we may come to share in the glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace. Amen.

BLESSING