

## Compline

Wednesday 23rd March 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

### Psalm 69

1 Save me, O God, ◆

for the waters have come up, even to my neck.

**2 I sink in deep mire where there is no foothold; ◆**

**I have come into deep waters and the flood sweeps over me.**

3 I have grown weary with crying; my throat is raw; ◆

my eyes have failed from looking so long for my God.

**4 Those who hate me without any cause ◆**

**are more than the hairs of my head;**

5 Those who would destroy me are mighty; ◆

my enemies accuse me falsely:

must I now give back what I never stole?

**6 O God, you know my foolishness, ◆**

**and my faults are not hidden from you.**

7 Let not those who hope in you

be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; ◆

let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,  
O God of Israel.

**8 For your sake have I suffered reproach; ♦**

**shame has covered my face.**

9 I have become a stranger to my kindred, ♦

an alien to my mother's children.

**10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; ♦**

**the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

11 I humbled myself with fasting, ♦

but that was turned to my reproach.

**12 I put on sackcloth also ♦**

**and became a byword among them.**

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, ♦

and the drunkards make songs about me.

**14 But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; ♦**

**at an acceptable time, O God.**

15 Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy ♦

and with your sure salvation.

**16 Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not; ♦**

**let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.**

17 Let not the water flood drown me,  
neither the deep swallow me up; ♦

let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

**18 Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; ♦**

**turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.**

19 Hide not your face from your servant; ♦

be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.

**20 Draw near to my soul and redeem me; ♦**

**deliver me because of my enemies.**

21 You know my reproach, my shame and my dishonour; ♦

my adversaries are all in your sight.

**22 Reproach has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness. ♦**

**I looked for some to have pity, but there was no one,**

**neither found I any to comfort me.**

23 They gave me gall to eat, ◆

and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

**24 Let the table before them be a trap ◆**

**and their sacred feasts a snare.**

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they cannot see, ◆

and give them continual trembling in their loins.

**26 Pour out your indignation upon them, ◆**

**and let the heat of your anger overtake them.**

27 Let their camp be desolate, ◆

and let there be no one to dwell in their tents.

**28 For they persecute the one whom you have stricken, ◆**

**and increase the sorrows of him whom you have pierced.**

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, ◆

and let them not receive your vindication.

**30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living ◆**

**and not be written among the righteous.**

31 As for me, I am poor and in misery; ◆

your saving help, O God, will lift me up.

**32 I will praise the name of God with a song; ◆**

**I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.**

33 This will please the Lord more than an offering of oxen, ◆

more than bulls with horns and hooves.

**34 The humble shall see and be glad; ◆**

**you who seek God, your heart shall live.**

35 For the Lord listens to the needy, ◆

and his own who are imprisoned he does not despise.

**36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, ◆**

**the seas and all that moves in them;**

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; ◆

they shall live there and have it in possession.

**38 The children of his servants shall inherit it, ◆**

**and they that love his name shall dwell therein.**

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 13: 18-21**

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

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 REFLECTION

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.**

**4 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.**

**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.**

## CONFESSIO

**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?**

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

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

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

Let us pray

## THE COLLECTS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, ○ 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, ○ 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, ○ 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**

○ 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, ○ Lord, this place (or, our homes), and drive away all the snares of the enemy; Let thy holy angels dwell herein (or, therein) to preserve us

in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### A TIME OF OPEN PRAYER

*Now, in a moment of open prayer, we lay before the Lord all that is on our hearts. Those we want to upload in prayer, for our world or communities or things of our own which we want to bring before the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord who so graciously hears us.*

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.**