

Compline Wednesday 4th May 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 135

1 Alleluia. Praise the name of the Lord; ◆

give praise, you servants of the Lord,

2 You that stand in the house of the Lord, ◆

in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; ◆

make music to his name, for it is lovely.

4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself ◆

and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the Lord is great ◆

and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The Lord does whatever he pleases in heaven and on earth, ◆

in the seas and in all the deeps.

7 He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; ◆

he makes lightning with the rain

and brings the winds out of his treasuries.

8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, ◆

the firstborn of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, ◆

upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He smote many nations ◆

and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, ◆

and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land as a heritage, ◆

a heritage for Israel his people.

13 Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ◆

and shall be remembered through all generations.

14 For the Lord will vindicate his people ♦

and have compassion on his servants.

15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ♦

the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ♦

eyes have they, but cannot see;

17 They have ears, but cannot hear; ♦

neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 Those who make them shall become like them, ♦

and so will all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ♦

O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ♦

you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ♦

who dwells in Jerusalem.

Alleluia.

A Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the

boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

A Reflection

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.**

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.

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

- A time of silent prayer followed by the collects below -

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.