

## WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 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,  
cleans us from all sin,  
and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### *Psalm 35*

- 29 Contend, O Lord, with those that contend with me; ♦  
**fight against those that fight against me.**
- 2 Take up shield and buckler ♦  
**and rise up to help me.**
- 3 Draw the spear and bar the way  
against those who pursue me; ♦  
**say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'**
- 4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and disgraced; ♦  
**let those who plot my ruin fall back and be put to confusion.**
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, ♦  
**with the angel of the Lord thrusting them down.**
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, ♦  
**with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.**
- 7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; ♦  
**without any cause they have dug a pit for my soul.**
- 8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; ♦  
**let them be caught in the net they laid;  
let them fall in it to their destruction.**
- 9 Then will my soul be joyful in the Lord ♦  
**and glory in his salvation.**
- 10 My very bones will say, 'Lord, who is like you? ♦  
**You deliver the poor from those that are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from those who would despoil them.'**
- 11 False witnesses rose up against me; ♦  
**they charged me with things I knew not.**
- 12 They rewarded me evil for good, ♦  
**to the desolation of my soul.**

### OPENING PRAYER

### RESPONSORY

### PSALMS

- 13 But as for me, when they were sick I put on sackcloth ♦  
**and humbled myself with fasting;**
- 14 When my prayer returned empty to my bosom, ♦  
**it was as though I grieved for my friend or brother;**
- 15 I behaved as one who mourns for his mother, ♦  
**bowed down and brought very low.**
- 16 But when I stumbled, they gathered in delight;  
they gathered together against me; ♦  
**as if they were strangers I did not know**  
**they tore at me without ceasing.**
- 17 When I fell they mocked me; ♦  
**they gnashed at me with their teeth.**
- 18 O Lord, how long will you look on? ♦  
**Rescue my soul from their ravages,**  
**and my poor life from the young lions.**
- 19 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; ♦  
**I will praise you in the mighty throng.**
- 20 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, ♦  
**or those who hate me without a cause**  
**mock me with their glances.**
- 21 For they do not speak of peace, ♦  
**but invent deceitful schemes against those that are quiet in the land.**
- 22 They opened wide their mouths and derided me, saying ♦  
**‘We have seen it with our very eyes.’**
- 23 This you have seen, O Lord; do not keep silent; ♦  
**go not far from me, O Lord.**
- 24 Awake, arise, to my cause, ♦  
**to my defence, my God and my Lord!**
- 25 Give me justice, O Lord my God,  
according to your righteousness; ♦  
**let them not triumph over me.**
- 26 Let them not say to themselves,  
‘Our heart’s desire!’ ♦  
**Let them not say, ‘We have swallowed him up.’**
- 27 Let all who rejoice at my trouble be put to shame and confusion; ♦  
**let those who boast against me**  
**be clothed with shame and dishonour.**
- 28 Let those who favour my cause rejoice and be glad; ♦  
**let them say always,**  
**‘Great is the Lord, who delights in his servant’s well-being.’**
- 29 So shall my tongue be talking of your righteousness ♦  
**and of your praise all the day long.**

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 19: 45-48*

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, 'It is written,

“My house shall be a house of prayer”;  
but you have made it a den of robbers.’

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

## 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 re|veal 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 COLLECTS

Visit, O Lord, we pray,  
our homes,  
and drive away all the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell therein  
and guard us in peace;  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have given your followers  
an example of gentleness and humility,  
a task that is easy, a burden that is light.  
Accept the prayers and work of this day,  
and give us the rest that will strengthen us  
to render more faithful service to you  
who live and reign for ever and ever. **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.

May the Almighty and merciful God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. Amen.

DISMISSAL

BLESSING