

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 20th July – week XVI

Monday

Venite antiphon:

The Lord God lightens our darkness; O come, let us adore Him.

Office hymns:

Mattins:

Thou Brightness of the Father's ray,
True Light of light and Day of day:
Light's fountain and eternal spring:
Thou Morn the morn illumining.

Glide in, Thou very Sun divine;
With everlasting brightness shine:
And shed abroad on ev'ry sense
The Spirit's light and influence.

Thee, Father, let us seek aright:
The Father of perpetual light:
The Father of almighty Grace:
Each wile of sin away to chase.

Our acts with courage do Thou fill:
Blunt Thou the Tempter's tooth of ill:
Misfortune into good convert,
Or give us grace to bear unhurt.

Our spirits whatso'er betide,
In chaste and loyal bodies guide;
Let Faith, with fervour unalloyed,
The bane of falsehood still avoid;

And Christ our daily food be nigh:
And Faith our daily cup supply:
So may we quaff, to calm and bless,
The Spirit's rapt'rous holiness.

Now let the day in joy pass on:
Our modesty like early dawn,
Our faith like noontide splendour glow,
Our souls the twilight never know.

All laud to God the Father be:
All laud, eternal Son, to Thee:
All laud, as is for ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.

Evensong:

O great Creator of the sky,
Who wouldest not the floods on high
With earthly waters to confound,
But mad'st the firmament their bound;

The floods above Thou didst ordain:
The floods below Thou didst restrain:
That moisture might attempter heat,
Lest the parched earth should ruin meet.

Upon our souls, good Lord, bestow
The gift of grace in endless flow:
Lest some renewed deceit or wile
Of former sin should us beguile.

Let Faith discover heav'nly light:
So shall its ray direct us right:
And let this Faith each error chase:
And never give to falsehood place.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally.

Psalm:

(27) THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(30) I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nin'evah will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Responsories:

Mattins:

In the morning let me know Thy love.

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Make me know the way I should walk.

[In the morning let me know Thy love.](#)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

In the morning let me know Thy love.

Evensong:

I will bless the Lord at all times.

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His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

[I will bless the Lord at all times.](#)

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I will bless the Lord at all times.

Benedictus antiphon:

The Lord hath raised up for us an horn of salvation in the house of His servant David.

Magnificat antiphon:

My soul doth magnify the Lord, for He hath regarded my lowliness.

Collect of the day:

Lord of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.