

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 23rd July – week XVI

Thursday

Venite antiphon:

God set in Heaven the luminaries and the sun; O come, let us adore Him.

Office hymns:

Mattins:

Behold the golden dawn arise;
The paling night forsakes the skies:
Those shades that hid the world from view,
And us to dang'rous error drew.

May this new day be calmly past,
May we keep pure while it shall last;
Nor let our lips from truth depart,
Nor dark designs engage the heart.

So may the day speed on; the tongue
No falsehood know, the hands no wrong;
Our eyes from wanton gaze refrain;
No guilt our guarded bodies stain.

Evensong:

Almighty God, Who from the flood
Didst bring to light a twofold brood:
Part in the firmament to fly,
And part in ocean depths to lie.

Appointing fishes in the sea,
And fowls in open air to be:
That each, by origin the same,
Its sep'rate dwelling place might claim:

Grant that Thy servants, by the tide
Of Blood and Water purified,
No guilty fall from Thee may know,
Nor death eternal undergo.

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For God all seeing from on high,
Surveys us with a watchful eye;
Each day our ev'ry act He know,
From early dawn to ev'nings close.

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.

Let none despair thought sin's distress;
Be none puffed up with boastfulness:
That contrite hearts be not dismayed,
Nor haughty souls in ruin laid.

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:

(37) FRET not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him : and he shall bring it to pass.
6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone : thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just: and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn : for he hath seen that his day is coming.
14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow : to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.
15 Their sword shall go through their own heart: and their bow shall be broken.
16 A small thing that the righteous hath : is better than great riches of the ungodly.
17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken : and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly : and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time : and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs : yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.
21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again : but the righteous is merciful and liberal.
22 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land : and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.
23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going : and maketh his way acceptable to himself.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away : for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.
26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.
27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good : and dwell for evermore.
28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right : he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.
29 The unrighteous shall be punished : as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
30 The righteous shall inherit the land : and dwell therein for ever.
31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom : and his tongue will be talking of judgement.
32 The law of his God is in his heart : and his goings shall not slide.
33 The ungodly seeth the righteous : and seeketh occasion to slay him.
34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand : nor condemn him when he is judged.
35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land : when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.
36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power: and flourishing like a green bay-tree.
37 I went by, and lo, he was gone : I sought him, but his place could no where be found.
38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right : for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together : and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord : who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

41 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them : he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

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.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

The disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Responsories:

Mattins:

I will praise the Lord at all times.

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

His praise shall be always on my lips.

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

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

I will praise the Lord at all times.

Evensong:

As Mattins.

Benedictus antiphon:

Give light, O Lord, to them that sit in darkness: and guide our feet into the way of peace,
Thou God of Israel.

Magnificat antiphon:

Show strength, O God, with Thine arm: scatter the proud and exalt the humble.

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.