

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 24th July – Week XVI

Wednesday

Venite antiphon:

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; O come, let us adore Him.

Office hymns:

Mattins:

Hence, night and clouds that night-time brings,
Confused and dark and troubled things;
The dawn is here: the sky grows white:
Christ is at hand: depart from sight!

Earth's dusky veil is torn away,
Pierced by the sparkling beams of day:
The world resumes its hues apace
Soon as the Day-star shows its face.

But Thee, O Christ, alone we seek,
With conscience pure and temper meek:
With tears and chants we humbly pray
That Thou wouldst guide us through the day.

Do Thou, O Christ, our slumber wake:
Do Thou the chains of darkness break;
Purge Thou our former sins away,
And in our souls new light display.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the holy Paraclete.

Evensong:

O God, Whose Hand hath spread the sky
And all its shining hosts on high,
And painting it with fiery light,
Made it so beauteous and so bright.

Thou, when the Wedn'sday was begun,
Didst frame the circle of the Sun,
And set the Moon for ordered change,
And planets for their wider range.

To night and day, by certain line,
Their varying bounds Thou didst assign;
And gav'st a signal, known and meet
For months begun and months complete.

Enlighten Thou the hearts of me,
Polluted souls make pure again:
Unloose the bands of guilt within:
Remove the burden of our sin.

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:

(34) I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
20 He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.
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.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Responsories:

Mattins:

I will praise the Lord at all times.

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His praise shall be always on my lips.

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

I will praise the Lord at all times.

Evensong:

May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

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Great is our Lord; and great is His power.

May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Benedictus antiphon:

From the hand of all that hate us, the Lord hath delivered us.

Magnificat antiphon:

The Lord hath regarded my lowliness: and He that is mighty hath done in me great things.

Collect of the day:

O God, Whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in Heaven and earth: we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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.