

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 20th August – week XX

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.

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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.

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.

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:

(113) PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.
2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
3 The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4 The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7 That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.
8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.
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.

(115) NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise : for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore shall the heathen say : Where is now their God?
3 As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
4 Their idols are silver and gold : even the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.
6 They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.
7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not : neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them : and so are all such as put their trust in them.
9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord : he is their succour and defence.
10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord : he is their helper and defender.
11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.
12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us : even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.
14 The Lord shall increase you more and more : you and your children.
15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord : who made heaven and earth.
16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's : the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord : neither all they that go down into silence.
18 But we will praise the Lord : from this time forth for evermore. Praise 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.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you

get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Responsories:

Mattins:

I will praise the Lord at all times.

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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:

O God, Who declarest Thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of Thy Grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; 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.