

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 25th August – week XXI

Tuesday

Venite antiphon:

The heavens declare the Glory of God; O come, let us adore Him.

Office hymns:

Mattins:

The wing-ed herald of the day
Proclaims the morn's approaching ray:
And Christ the Lord our souls excites,
And so to endless life invites.

Take up thy bed, to each He cries,
Who sick or wrapt in slumber lies;
And chaste and just and sober stand,
And watch; my advent is at hand.

With earnest cry, with tearful care,
Call we the Lord to hear our prayer;
While supplication, pure and deep,
Forbids each chastened heart to sleep.

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:

Earth's mighty Maker, Whose command
Raised from the sea the solid land:
And drove each billowy heap away,
And bade the earth stand firm for aye:

That so with flow'rs of golden hue,
The seeds of each it might renew:
And fruit-trees bearing fruit might yield,
And pleasant pasture of the field.

Our spirit's rankling wounds efface
With dewy freshness of Thy Grace:
That grief may cleanse each deed of ill
And o'er each lust may triumph still.

Let ev'ry soul Thy Law obey,
And keep from ev'ry evil way:
Rejoice each promised good to win
And flee from ev'ry mortal 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:

(132) LORD, remember David : and all his trouble;
2 How he swore unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David : and he shall not shrink from it;
12 Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.
15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
16 I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.
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.

(133) BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
3 Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.
4 For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Responsories:

Mattins:

Hear my cry, O Lord, for I hope in Thy Word.
[Hear my cry, O Lord, for I hope in Thy Word.](#)
I rise before dawn and call for help.
[Hear my cry, O Lord, for I hope in Thy Word.](#)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
Hear my cry, O Lord, for I hope in Thy Word.

Evensong:

How wonderful are Thy works, O Lord.

[How wonderful are Thy works, O Lord.](#)

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

[How wonderful are Thy works, O Lord.](#)

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

How wonderful are Thy works, O Lord.

Benedictus antiphon:

The Lord hath shown mercy to our fathers; He hath remembered His holy covenant.

Magnificat antiphon:

Let my spirit rejoice in God my Saviour.

Collect of the day:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.