

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 17th September – week XXIV

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:

(56) BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me : he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up : for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word : I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
 5 They daily mistake my words : all that they imagine is to do me evil.
 6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close : and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.
 7 Shall they escape for their wickedness : thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.
 8 Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle : are not these things noted in thy book?
 9 Whosoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know; for God is on my side.
 10 In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
 11 Yea, in God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
 12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto thee will I give thanks.
 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling : that I may walk before God in the light of the living.
 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.

(57) BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.
 2 I will call unto the most high God : even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
 3 He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
 4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions.
 5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
 6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
 7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul : they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
 8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing, and give praise.
 9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.
 10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
 11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens : and thy truth unto the clouds.
 12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house, and took his place at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a

prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "What is it, Teacher?" "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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:

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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.