

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 25th September – week XXV

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:

(78: 1 - 39) HEAR my law, O my people : incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable : I will declare hard sentences of old;
3 Which we have heard and known : and such as our fathers have told us;
4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come : but to shew
the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law : which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
6 That their posterity might know it : and the children which were yet unborn;
7 To the intent that when they came up : they might shew their children the same;
8 That they might put their trust in God : and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments;
9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation : a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not stedfastly unto God;
10 Like as the children of Ephraim : who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.
11 They kept not the covenant of God : and would not walk in his law;
12 But forgot what he had done : and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.
13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt : even in the field of Zoan.
14 He divided the sea, and let them go through : he made the waters to stand on an heap.
15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud : and all the night through with a light of fire.
16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness : and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
17 He brought waters out of the stony rock : so that it gushed out like the rivers.
18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him : and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.
19 They tempted God in their hearts : and required meat for their lust.
20 They spake against God also, saying : Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?
21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the waters gushed out, and the streams flowed withal : but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
22 When the Lord heard this, he was wroth : so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
23 Because they believed not in God : and put not their trust in his help.
24 So he commanded the clouds above : and opened the doors of heaven.
25 He rained down manna also upon them for to eat : and gave them food from heaven.
26 So man did eat angels' food : for he sent them meat enough.
27 He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven : and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust : and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents : even round about their habitation.
30 So they did eat and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire : they were not disappointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them : yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
32 But for all this they sinned yet more : and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity: and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, they sought him : and turned them early, and inquired after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their strength : and that the high God was their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth : and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him : neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds : and destroyed them not.

39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away : and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.

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 Luke.

Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Eli'jah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen. Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see Jesus.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through 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.