

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 23rd September – week XXV **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:

(73) TRULY God is loving unto Israel : even unto such as are of a clean heart.
2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings had well-nigh slipt.
3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked : I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.
4 For they are in no peril of death : but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk : neither are they plagued like other men.
 6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride : and overwhelmed with cruelty.
 7 Their eyes swell with fatness : and they do even what they lust.
 8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy : their talking is against the most High.
 9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven : and their tongue goeth through the world.
 10 Therefore fall the people unto them : and thereout suck they no small advantage.
 11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it : is there knowledge in the most High?
 12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession : and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.
 13 All the day long have I been punished : and chastened every morning.
 14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.
 15 Then thought I to understand this : but it was too hard for me,
 16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God : then understood I the end of these men;
 17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places : and castest them down, and destroyest them.
 18 O how suddenly do they consume : perish, and come to a fearful end!
 19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh : so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.
 20 Thus my heart was grieved : and it went even through my reins.
 21 So foolish was I, and ignorant : even as it were a beast before thee.
 22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee : for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
 23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory.
 24 Whom have I in heaven but thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
 25 My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
 26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.
 27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.
 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.

Jesus' mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

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, 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.