Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 27th November – week XXXIV 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.

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. 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.

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.

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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to His disciples, "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it; for these are days of vengeance, to fulfil all that is written. Alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! For great distress shall be upon the earth and wrath upon this people; they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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:

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; 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.