

# Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January - Week III

Wednesday

## Venite antiphon:

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; O come, let us adore Him.

## Office hymns:

### *Mattins:*

Hence, night and clouds that night-time brings,  
Confused and dark and troubled things;  
The dawn is here: the sky grows white:  
Christ is at hand: depart from sight!

Earth's dusky veil is torn away,  
Pierced by the sparkling beams of day:  
The world resumes its hues apace  
Soon as the Day-star shows its face.

But Thee, O Christ, alone we seek,  
With conscience pure and temper meek:  
With tears and chants we humbly pray  
That Thou wouldst guide us through the day.

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:*

O God, Whose Hand hath spread the sky  
And all its shining hosts on high,  
And painting it with fiery light,  
Made it so beauteous and so bright.

Thou, when the Wedn'sday was begun,  
Didst frame the circle of the Sun,  
And set the Moon for ordered change,  
And planets for their wider range.

To night and day, by certain line,  
Their varying bounds Thou didst assign;  
And gav'st a signal, known and meet  
For months begun and months complete.

Enlighten Thou the hearts of me,  
Polluted souls make pure again:  
Unloose the bands of guilt within:  
Remove the burden of our 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:

(119: 57 - 80) THOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.  
58 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.  
59 I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep thy commandments.  
61 The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten thy law.  
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee : because of thy righteous judgements.  
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and keep thy commandments.  
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach me thy statutes.  
O LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.  
66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.  
67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.  
68 Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.  
69 The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.  
70 Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.  
71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.  
72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.  
THY hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.  
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.  
75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.  
76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.  
77 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.  
78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in thy commandments.  
79 Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.  
80 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.  
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 Mark.

Jesus began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had not much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil; and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when he was alone, those who were about him with the twelve asked him concerning the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables; so that they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand; lest they should turn again, and be forgiven." And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word which is sown in them. And these

in like manner are the ones sown upon rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns; they are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

### **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:*

May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

*May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.*

Great is our Lord; and great is His power.

*May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.*

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

May God's Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

### **Benedictus antiphon:**

From the hand of all that hate us, the Lord hath delivered us.

### **Magnificat antiphon:**

The Lord hath regarded my lowliness: and He that is mighty hath done in me great things.

### **Collect of the day:**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; 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.