

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 5th February – week IV

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:

(77) I WILL cry unto God with my voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord : my sore ran and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God: when my heart is vexed, I will complain.
4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking : I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old : and the years that are past.
6 I call to remembrance my song : and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.
7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever : and will he be no more intreated?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever : and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious : and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?
10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity : but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.
11 I will remember the works of the Lord : and call to mind thy wonders of old time.
12 I will think also of all thy works : and my talking shall be of thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is holy : who is so great a God as our God?
14 Thou art the God that doeth wonders : and hast declared thy power among the people.
15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people : even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid : the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water, the air thundered : and thine arrows went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about : the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved, and shook withal.
19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters : and thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like sheep : by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
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 came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

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.

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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:

O Lord, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; 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.