

Psalsms, readings and collect

Date: 17th February – week VI 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.

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 giref may cleanse each deed of ill
And o'er each lust may triumph still.

Psalm:

(106) O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord : or shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgement : and do righteousness.
4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people : O
visit me with thy salvation;

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.

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.

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers : we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance : but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake : that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up : so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the adversaries' hand : and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them : there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words : and sang praise unto him.

13 But within a while they forsgat his works : and would not abide his counsel.

14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness : and they tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their desire : and sent leanness withal into their soul.

16 They angered Moses also in the tents : and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

17 So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan : and covered the congregation of Abiram.

18 And the fire was kindled in their company : the flame burnt up the ungodly.

19 They made a calf in Horeb : and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they turned their glory : into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

21 And they forsgat God their Saviour : who had done so great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham : and fearful things by the Red sea.

23 So he said, he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap : to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land : and gave no credence unto his word;

25 But murmured in their tents : and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 Then lift he up his hand against them : to overthrow them in the wilderness;

27 To cast out their seed among the nations : and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor : and ate the offerings of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions : and the plague was great among them.

30 Then stood up Phinees and prayed : and so the plague ceased.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness : among all posterities for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife : so that he punished Moses for their sakes;

33 Because they provoked his spirit : so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 Neither destroyed they the heathen : as the Lord commanded them;

35 But were mingled among the heathen : and learned their works.

36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which turned to their own decay : yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters : whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people : insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hands of the heathen : and they that hated them were lords over them.

41 Their enemies oppressed them : and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them : but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity : he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them according unto the multitude of his mercies : yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen : that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and world without end : and let all the people say, Amen.

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.

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." And they discussed it with one another, saying, "We have no bread." And being aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Responsories:

Mattins:

Hear my cry, O Lord, for I hope in Thy Word.

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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.

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Evensong:

How wonderful are Thy works, O Lord.

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In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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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:

O Lord, Who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send Thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen..

Today is the memorial of Bishop Janani Luwum - murdered by the thugs of Idi Amin; please add this prayer just before the Grace:

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, grant, we beseech Thee unto our father Janani and all who have died the sure benefits of Thy Son's saving Sacrifice, that in the last day when all things shall be gathered up in Him, they may know the fullness of His Love; the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace. Amen.