

# **Psalms, readings and collect**

**Date:**

**Week VIII – 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday**

## **Venite antiphon:**

God made all that passes through the seas; O come, let us adore Him.

## **Office hymns:**

### *Mattins:*

Eternal Glory of the sky,  
Blest hope of frail humanity,  
The Father's sole-begotten One,  
Yet born a spotless Virgin's Son!

Within our senses ever dwell,  
And worldly darkness thence expel;  
Long as the days of life endure,  
Preserve our souls devout and pure.

Uplift us with Thine arm of might,  
And let our hearts rise pure and bright,  
And, ardent in God's praises, pay  
The thanks we owe his every day.

The Faith that first must be possest,  
Root deep within our inmost breast;  
And joyous hope in second place,  
Then charity, Thy greatest grace.

The Daystar's rays are glittering clear,  
And tell that day itself is bear:  
The shadows of the night depart;  
Thou, holy Light, illumine the heart!

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:*

Maker of men, from Heav'n Thy Throne,  
Who ord'rest all things, God alone;  
By Whose decree the teeming earth  
To reptile and to beast gave birth:

In Heav'n, Thine endless joys bestow,  
But grant Thy gifts of grace below:  
From chains of strife our souls release;  
Bind fast the gentle bands of peace.

Te might forms that fill the land,  
Instinct with life at Thy command,  
Thou gav'st subdued to humankind  
For service in their rank assigned.

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.

From all Thy servants chase away  
Whate'er of thought impure today  
Hath mingled with the heart's intent,  
Or with the actions hath been blent.

## **Psalm:**

(17) HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint : and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence : and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me : for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

4 Because of men's works, that are done against the words of thy lips : I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.  
5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths : that my footsteps slip not.  
6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me : incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.  
7 Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee : from such as resist thy right hand.  
8 Keep me as the apple of an eye : hide me under the shadow of thy wings,  
9 From the ungodly that trouble me : mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul.  
10 They are inclosed in their own fat : and their mouth speaketh proud things.  
11 They lie waiting in our way on every side : turning their eyes down to the ground;  
12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey : and as it were a lion's whelp, lurking in secret places.  
13 Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down : deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine;  
14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and from the evil world : which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.  
15 They have children at their desire : and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.  
16 But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness : and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.  
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.

(19) THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
2 One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.  
3 There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.  
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.  
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.  
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.  
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.  
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.  
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.  
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.  
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.  
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.  
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in thy sight,  
15 O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.  
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 Mark.

Jesus entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; and he would not allow any one to carry anything through the temple. And he taught, and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city. As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, "Master, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered." And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

## **Responsories:**

*Mattins:*

I called unto the Most High; for He hath been my help.  
[I called unto the Most High; for He hath been my help.](#)  
May He send from Heaven and save me.  
[I called unto the Most High; for He hath been my help.](#)  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
I called unto the Most High; for He hath been my help.

*Evensong:*

We give thanks unto Thee, O God; and call upon Thy Name.  
[We give thanks unto Thee, O God; and call upon Thy Name.](#)  
We recount Thy wonderful deeds.  
[We give thanks unto Thee, O God; and call upon Thy Name.](#)  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
We give thanks unto Thee, O God; and call upon Thy Name.

## **Benedictus antiphon:**

The Lord hath set us free from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate Him.

**Magnificat antiphon:**

He hath put down the mighty that persecute the holy; and hath exalted the humble that confess Your Christ.

**Collect of the day:**

God, Who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with the Son in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.