

# **Psalms, readings and collect**

**Date:**                **Week VIII – 38<sup>th</sup> May**

**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:**

(14) THE fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived : the poison of  
asps is under their lips.  
6 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.  
7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known  
: there is no fear of God before their eyes.  
8 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief : eating up my  
people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?  
9 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was : for God is in the  
generation of the righteous.  
10 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor : because he putteth his  
trust in the Lord.  
11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity  
of his people : then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.  
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.

(15) LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?  
2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh  
the truth from his heart.  
3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not  
slandered his neighbour.  
4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them  
that fear the Lord.  
5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his  
own hindrance.  
6 He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.  
7 Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.  
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.

(16) PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.  
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto  
thee.  
3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.  
4 But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.  
5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names  
within my lips.  
6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : thou shalt maintain  
my lot.  
7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.  
8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-  
season.  
9 I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.  
10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to  
see corruption.  
12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at thy  
right hand there is pleasure for evermore.  
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.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**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:**

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.