

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: Week VIII – 26th May

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: 1 - 32) BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.

3 For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5 O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!
6 So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
8 I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.
WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.
14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.
15 I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.
16 My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.
O DO well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
19 I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath always unto thy judgements.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22 O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24 For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.
MY soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken thou me, according to thy word.
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me : O teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments : and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort thou me according unto thy word.
29 Take from me the way of lying : and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30 I have chosen the way of truth : and thy judgements have I laid before me.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments : when thou hast set my heart at liberty.
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 Matthew.

The disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in

your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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:

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:

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.