

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 12^h July – Sunday XV/Trinity VI

Obviously on Sundays, people will use the Act of Spiritual Communion; but for those who wish to say an evening office, provision is included here.

Office

Office hymn:

O God, creation's secret force,
Thyself unmoved, all motion's source,
Who from the morn till evening ray
Through all its changes guid'st the day:

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

Grant us, when this short life is past,
The glorious evening that shall last;
That, by a holy death attained,
Eternal glory may be gained.

Psalm:

(64) HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer : preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward : and from the insurrection of wicked doers;
3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword : and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;
4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect : suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves in mischief : and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no man shall see them.
6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it : that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.
7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow : that they shall be wounded.
8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall : insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.
9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done : for they shall perceive that it is his work.
10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him : and all they that are true of heart 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.

(65) THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choolest, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Responsory:

I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.

[I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.](#)

I shall not restrain my lips.

[I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.](#)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.

Magnificat antiphon:

All wisdom proceedeth from the Lord, and was with Him for all time and is before the ages.

Collect of the day:

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Collect:

God of the heavens, God of the earth, all creation awaits Your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Your Son, that His Gospel may grow within us and yield a harvest that is an hundredfold; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

First Reading:

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Psalm:

The river of God is full of water; ♦ you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦ you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, ♦ and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦ and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦ and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."