

*Evening Prayer on Sunday
Sunday, 19 September 2021
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN

The Word of God

Psalmody

*Psalm 119.137-152**

The opening of your word gives light.

Righteous are you, O Lord, ♦
and true are your judgements.

You have ordered your decrees in righteousness ♦
and in great faithfulness.

My indignation destroys me, ♦
because my adversaries forget your word.

Your word has been tried to the uttermost ♦
and so your servant loves it.

I am small and of no reputation, ♦
yet do I not forget your commandments.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness ♦
and your law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me, ♦
yet my delight is in your commandments.

The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting; ♦
O grant me understanding and I shall live.

I call with my whole heart; ♦
answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.

To you I call, O save me! ♦
And I shall keep your testimonies.

Early in the morning I cry to you, ♦
for in your word is my trust.

My eyes are open before the night watches, ♦
that I may meditate on your word.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love; ♦
according to your judgement, give me life.

They draw near that in malice persecute me, ♦
who are far from your law.

You, O Lord, are near at hand, ♦
and all your commandments are true.

Long have I known of your testimonies, ♦
that you have founded them for ever.

The opening of your word gives light.

*Faithful God,
let your word be the treasure of our hearts,
that we may delight in your truth
and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ.*

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A Song of the Lamb

Refrain:

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 8.23-34

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, 'What have you to do with us,

Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?’ Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, ‘If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.’ And he said to them, ‘Go!’ So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Gospel Canticle

***The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,
or the [Nunc dimittis \(The Song of Simeon\) \(page 613\)](#) may be said***

Refrain:

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

The Collect of the day is said

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;**

thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.