

¶ *Evening Prayer on Sunday, 10 October 2021* *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Preparation

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

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.

All Amen.

Hymn

The Word of God

Psalm 127

All: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, ♦
those who build it labour in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, ♦
the guard keeps watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, ♦
for he gives his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord ♦
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, ♦
so are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy are those who have their quiver full of them: ♦
they shall not be put to shame when they dispute with their enemies in the gate.

All 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.

All: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.

Psalm 128

All: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ♦
and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ♦
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.
- 3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; ♦
your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest ♦
who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ♦
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children, ♦
and may there be peace upon Israel.

**All 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.**

All: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.

Canticle

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

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**All 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.**

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 11.20-30

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

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

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

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

All **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.

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

Prayers

The Collect of the day is said

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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 Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**