



Lichfield Bishops' Clergy Conference

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25th April 2018

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Sung worship

Bless the Lord O my Soul (1000 reasons)

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What a beautiful name (You were the word at the beginning)

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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.

The Word of God

Psalm 25

¹In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

² I trust in you;

**do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, Lord,

teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Saviour,

and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

¹⁰ All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful

toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

¹¹ For the sake of your name, Lord,

forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

¹² Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?

He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

¹³ They will spend their days in prosperity,

and their descendants will inherit the land.

¹⁴ The Lord confides in those who fear him;

he makes his covenant known to them.

¹⁵ My eyes are ever on the Lord,

for only he will release my feet from the snare.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of my heart

and free me from my anguish.

¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my distress

and take away all my sins.

¹⁹ See how numerous are my enemies

and how fiercely they hate me!

²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me;

do not let me be put to shame,

for I take refuge in you.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me,
because my hope, Lord, is in you.

²² **Deliver Israel, O God,
from all their troubles!**

**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.**

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Song

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Kate Barclay Wilkinson © 1982 The Jubilate Group

Gospel Canticle

- 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.**

Luke 1.46-55

**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.**

Prayers

Intercessions

The Collect
God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said
Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

Song

My Hope is built on nothing less (Cornerstone)

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The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.