



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

GENERAL SYNOD

Friday 7th – Tuesday 11th July 2023

Central Hall

WORSHIP

FRIDAY 7 JULY

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| 2.00 p.m. | Opening Worship in the Central Hall CW Prayer During the Day | Chaplain |
| 7.00 p.m. | Closing Worship in the Central Hall BCP Evening Prayer | Prudence Dailey & Bradley Smith |

SATURDAY 8 JULY

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| 9.00 a.m. | Opening Worship in the Central Hall CW Morning Prayer | Carol Bates, Andrew Yates & Sue Cavill |
| 7.00 p.m. | Closing Worship in the Central Hall | Falak Sher & Sarah Siddique CW Evening Prayer |

SUNDAY 9 JULY

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| 2.30 p.m. | Opening Worship in the Central Hall CW Prayer During the Day | Joanna Stobart |
| 6.00 p.m. | Closing Worship in the Central Hall CW Evening Prayer | Br Philip Dulson & Sr Heather Crane |

MONDAY 10 JULY

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| 9.00 a.m. | Opening Worship in the Central Hall CW Morning Prayer | Lisa Battye |
| 6.00 p.m. | Closing Worship in the Central Hall | Jake Madin & St Michael le Belfrey music |

TUESDAY 11 JULY

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| 9.00 a.m. | Opening Worship in the Central Hall CW Morning Prayer | Chaplain |
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Prayer During the Day on Friday

Friday, 7 July 2023

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me a clean heart, O God,

All and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51.11

Praise

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| 1 Brother, Sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. | 4 I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. | 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3 I will hold the Christlight for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. | 6 Brother, Sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. |

Words and Music: Richard Gillard

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; ♦
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
 in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
 you have anointed my head with oil
 and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life, ♦
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.**

Short reading

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2.13–18

Response

Jesus said, I am the good shepherd.

All The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10.11

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The King, members of parliament and the armed forces*
- ¶ *Peace and justice in the world*
- ¶ *Those who work for reconciliation*
- ¶ *All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife*
- ¶ *Prisoners, refugees and homeless people*

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

All Amen.

After Richard of Chichester (1253)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.

All **Amen.**

Evening Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer

Friday, 7 July 2023

O Lord, open thou our lips
All and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
All The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

- 1 All you who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress.
Jesus, who gave himself for you upon the cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred heart; O, to that heart draw nigh.
- 2 You hear how kindly he invites: you hear his word so blest:
'All you that labour, come to me, and I will give you rest.'
Jesus, the joy of saints on high, the hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words, to you I lift my prayer.

*Words: 18th C Latin, Tr Edward Caswall 1814-78
Tune: Kingsfold Trad. English melody arr R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

Psalmody

Psalm 37

- 1 Fret not thyself because of the ungodly :
neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass :
and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good :
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

- 4 Delight thou in the Lord :
and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him :
and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light :
and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
- 7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him :
but grieve not thyself at him, whose way doth prosper,
against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
- 8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure :
fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
- 9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out :
and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone :
thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
- 11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth :
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
- 12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just :
and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn :
for he hath seen that his day is coming.
- 14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow :
to cast down the poor and needy,
and to slay such as are of a right conversation.
- 15 Their sword shall go through their own heart :
and their bow shall be broken.
- 16 A small thing that the righteous hath :
is better than great riches of the ungodly.
- 17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken :
and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
- 18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly :
and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

- 19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time :
and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
- 20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord
shall consume as the fat of lambs :
yea, even as the smoke, shall they consume away.
- 21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again :
but the righteous is merciful, and liberal.
- 22 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land :
and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.
- 23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going :
and maketh his way acceptable to himself.
- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away :
for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old :
and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken,
nor his seed begging their bread.
- 26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth :
and his seed is blessed.
- 27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good :
and dwell for evermore.
- 28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right :
he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.
- 29 The unrighteous shall be punished :
as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
- 30 The righteous shall inherit the land :
and dwell therein for ever.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom :
and his tongue will be talking of judgement.
- 32 The law of his God is in his heart :
and his goings shall not slide.
- 33 The ungodly seeth the righteous :
and seeketh occasion to slay him.

- 34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand :
nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way,
and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land :
when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.
- 36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power :
and flourishing like a green bay tree.
- 37 I went by, and lo, he was gone :
I sought him, but his place could no where be found.
- 38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right :
for that shall bring a man peace at the last.
- 39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together :
and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.
- 40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord :
who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
- 41 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them :
he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them,
because they put their trust in him.

**All 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.**

Old Testament Reading

And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my son.

And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the Lord from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.

And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

Then said Micah, Now know I that the Lord will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

Judges 17

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Luke 1.46–55

**All 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.**

New Testament Reading

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19.1–10

Nunc dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

**All 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.**

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
All And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All And grant us thy salvation
O Lord, save the King.
All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
All And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
All And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Grace

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

MORNING PRAYER

Saturday, 8 July 2023

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips.

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'

All Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Psalm 27.10

Blessed are you, Lord God,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word calls all things into being,
and the light of dawn awakens us to life.

May your wisdom guide us this day
that we may cherish and care for your good creation,
and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips,
praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word.
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Tune: Bunessan, Trad. Gaelic melody

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- 7 All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
- 9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

- 11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

**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

So the descendants went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings and the peoples of the land, to do with them as they pleased. And they captured fortress cities and a rich land, and took possession of houses filled with all sorts of goods, hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance; so they ate, and were filled and became fat, and delighted in your great goodness.

‘Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their backs and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies. Therefore you gave them into the hands of their enemies, who made them suffer. Then in the time of their suffering they cried out to you and you heard them from heaven, and according to your great mercies you gave them saviours who saved them from the hands of their enemies. But after they had rest, they again did evil before you, and you abandoned them to the hands of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them; yet when they turned and cried to you, you heard from heaven, and many times you rescued them according to your mercies. And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances, by the observance of which a person shall live. They turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. For many years you were patient with them, and warned them by your spirit through your prophets; yet they would not listen. Therefore you handed them over to the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless, in your great mercies

you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

‘Now therefore, our God—the great and mighty and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love—do not treat lightly all the hardship that has come upon us, upon our kings, our officials, our priests, our prophets, our ancestors, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until today. You have been just in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly; our kings, our officials, our priests, and our ancestors have not kept your law or heeded the commandments and the warnings that you gave them. Even in their own kingdom, and in the great goodness you bestowed on them, and in the large and rich land that you set before them, they did not serve you and did not turn from their wicked works. Here we are, slaves to this day—slaves in the land that you gave to our ancestors to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts. Its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins; they have power also over our bodies and over our livestock at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.’

Because of all this we make a firm agreement in writing, and on that sealed document are inscribed the names of our officials, our Levites, and our priests.

Nehemiah 9.24–end

Responsory

The heavens proclaim the glory of God:
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**All The firmament shows God’s handiwork:
And one day pours out its song to another.**

The sun goes forth from the ends of the heavens.

All and proclaims the glory of God.

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

**All The heavens proclaim the glory of God:
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

Psalm 19

The Benedictus

**Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

**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.**

**Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.**

Prayers

This response may be used

God of life:

All hear our prayer.

The Collect is said

Lord our God,
as with all creation
we offer you the life of this new day,
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May God who made heaven and earth bless us and keep us.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer on Saturday

Saturday, 8 July 2023

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

- 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Words: vs.1-3: John Newton 1725-1807) alt. v.5: John Rees (1828-1900)

Tune: Amazing Grace, American Folk melody

The Word of God

Scripture Reading

As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, 'A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, "Do business with these until I come back." But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We do not want this man to rule over us." When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, "Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds." He said to him, "Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities." Then the second came, saying, "Lord, your pound has made five pounds." He said to him, "And you, rule over five cities." Then the other came, saying, "Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow." He said to him, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest." He said to the bystanders, "Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds." (And they said to him, "Lord, he has ten pounds!") "I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence." '

Luke 19.11–27

Responsory

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

**All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All That glory may dwell in our land.

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

**All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Psalm 85.9,10

The Magnificat

- 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 of Intercession

Prayers of intercession for racial justice will be offered.

The following responses will be used:

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

All 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Prayer During the Day on Sunday

Sunday, 9 July 2023

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'

All Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Short reading

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5.17–19a

Prayer

Let us pray.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.
All Amen.

Evening Prayer on Sunday

Sunday, 9 July 2023

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hymn

- 1 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King!
- 2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Tune: Luckington, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 56

Refrain: In God I trust, and will not fear.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, for they trample over me; ♦
all day long they assault and oppress me.
- 2 My adversaries trample over me all the day long; ♦
many are they that make proud war against me.
- 3 In the day of my fear I put my trust in you, ♦
in God whose word I praise.
- 4 In God I trust, and will not fear, ♦
for what can flesh do to me? **R**
- 5 All day long they wound me with words; ♦
their every thought is to do me evil.

- 6 They stir up trouble; they lie in wait; ♦
marking my steps, they seek my life.
- 7 Shall they escape for all their wickedness? ♦
In anger, O God, cast the peoples down.
- 8 You have counted up my groaning;
put my tears into your bottle; ♦
are they not written in your book? **R**
- 9 Then shall my enemies turn back
on the day when I call upon you; ♦
this I know, for God is on my side.
- 10 In God whose word I praise,
in the Lord whose word I praise, ♦
in God I trust and will not fear:
what can flesh do to me?
- 11 To you, O God, will I fulfil my vows; ♦
to you will I present my offerings of thanks,
- 12 For you will deliver my soul from death
and my feet from falling, ♦
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

**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.**

Refrain: In God I trust, and will not fear.

Scripture Reading

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he

shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Luke 18.31–19.10

Responsory

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

**All 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.

All The Lord is the strength of my life.

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

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The Magnificat

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and holy is his name.
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from generation to generation.
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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.**

Intercessions

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

These responses will be used

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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All Amen.

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Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

**All 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer on Monday

Monday, 10 July 2023

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

- 1 Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias, we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'
- 2 From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'
- 3 God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

John L Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

Tune: Salley Gardens, Irish folk melody

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God. ***R***
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King. ***R***
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.

***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.***

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Scripture Reading

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more towards you. For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end—as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

2 Corinthians 1.1–14

Responsory

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

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

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

The Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

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 are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

¶ *Farming and fishing*

¶ *Commerce and industry*

¶ *Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger*

¶ *All who are unemployed*

During the prayers, up to the Collect, you may wish to sing

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Jacques Berthier (1925-1994)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
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All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer on Monday

Monday, 10 July 2023

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Song: Living Hope

1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

2 Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Song: This Is Our God

- 1 Your grace is enough
More than I need
At Your word I will believe
I wait for You
Draw near again
Let Your Spirit make me new
*And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship You here*
- 2 Your presence in me
Jesus light the way
By the power of Your word
I am restored
I am redeemed
By Your Spirit I am free
Freely You gave it all for us
Surrendered Your life upon that cross
Great is the love poured out for all
This is our God
Lifted on high from death to life
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King rescued the world
This is our God

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Scripture Reading

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Luke 19.28–40

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

- 1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord O my soul ...

- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
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- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul ...

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Prayers

A time of open and extemporary intercession follows

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
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hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
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All Amen.

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Amen.**

The Grace

**All 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.**

Song: In Christ Alone

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer on Tuesday

Tuesday, 11 July 2023

*Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino,
Father of Western Monasticism, c.550 [Lesser Festival]*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, should'st die for me.*
- 2 'Tis mystery all! th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, should'st die for me.*

- 3 He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, should'st die for me.
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed thee.
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, should'st die for me.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, should'st die for me.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Sagina, Thomas Campbell (1824-1876)

Scripture Reading

Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favour; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no' at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been 'Yes and No.' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes.' For in him every one of God's promises

is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith.

So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote to you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

2 Corinthians 1.15–2.4

Responsory

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.

**All Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments

All that I may see the wonders of your law.

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

**All Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

The Benedictus

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
 who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
 born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

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.**

The Synod choir may sing an anthem.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*

The Collect

Eternal God,
who made Benedict a wise master
in the school of your service
and a guide to many called into community
to follow the rule of Christ:
grant that we may put your love before all else
and seek with joy the way of your commandments;
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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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