

Evening Prayer on Wednesday 17 August 2022

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

1 I love you, O Lord my strength. ♦
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.

2 In my distress I called upon the Lord ♦
and cried out to my God for help.

3 He heard my voice in his temple ♦
and my cry came to his ears.

4 He parted the heavens and came down ♦
and thick darkness was under his feet.

5 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ♦
he came flying on the wings of the wind.

6 He made darkness his covering round about him, ♦
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ♦
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

8 The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ♦
the Most High uttered his voice with hailstones and coals of fire.

9 For you will save a lowly people ♦
and bring down the high looks of the proud.

10 You also shall light my candle; ♦
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

11 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ♦
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1, 6, 7, 10-14, 28, 29, 31

**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.**

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

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.**

Psalm 59

You, O God, are my strong tower.

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; ♦
set me high above those that rise up against me.

2 Save me from the evildoers ♦
and from murderous foes deliver me.

3 For see how they lie in wait for my soul ♦
and the mighty stir up trouble against me.

4 Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord; ♦
for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my aid and see; ♦
for you are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.

6 Awake, and judge all the nations; ♦
show no mercy to the evil traitors.

7 They return at nightfall and snarl like dogs ♦
and prowl about the city.

8 They pour out evil words with their mouths; swords are on their lips; ♦
'For who', they say, 'can hear us?'

9 But you laugh at them, O Lord; ♦
you hold all the nations in derision.

10 For you, O my strength, will I watch; ♦
you, O God, are my strong tower.

11 My God in his steadfast love will come to me; ♦
he will let me behold the downfall of my enemies.

12 Slay them not, lest my people forget; ♦
send them reeling by your might
and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouth, for the words of their lips, ♦
let them be taken in their pride.

14 For the cursing and falsehood they have uttered, ♦
consume them in wrath, consume them till they are no more.

15 And they shall know that God rules in Jacob, ♦
and to the ends of the earth.

16 And still they return at nightfall and snarl like dogs ♦
and prowl about the city.

17 Though they forage for something to devour, ♦
and howl if they are not filled,

18 Yet will I sing of your strength ♦
and every morning praise your steadfast love;

19 For you have been my stronghold, ♦
my refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my strength, will I sing; ♦
for you, O God, are my refuge, my God of steadfast love.

You, O God, are my strong tower.

*Strong and merciful God,
stand with the oppressed against the triumph of evil
and the complacency of your people,
and establish in Jesus Christ your new order of generosity and joy,
for he is alive and reigns now and for ever.*

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

Jeremiah 38.1-13

Now Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah was saying to all the people, Thus says the Lord, Those who stay in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but those who go out to the Chaldeans shall live; they shall have their lives as a prize of war, and live. Thus says the Lord, This city shall surely be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon and be taken. Then the officials said to the king, 'This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. The king happened to be sitting at the Benjamin Gate, So Ebed-melech left the king's house and spoke to the king, 'My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies.' So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went to the house of the king, to a wardrobe of the storehouse, and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes, which he let down to Jeremiah in the cistern by ropes. Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, 'Just put the rags and clothes between your armpits and the ropes.' Jeremiah did so. Then they drew Jeremiah up by the ropes and pulled him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

Rejoice and be glad for you are the light of the world, and great is your reward in heaven.

1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 Blessed are those who mourn, ♦
for they shall be comforted.

3 Blessed are the meek, ♦
for they shall inherit the earth.

4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, ♦
for they shall be satisfied.

5 Blessed are the merciful, ♦
for they shall obtain mercy.

6 Blessed are the pure in heart, ♦
for they shall see God.

7 Blessed are the peacemakers, ♦
for they shall be called children of God.

8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3-10

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Mark 1.21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

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and to the Holy Spirit.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Remember your promise of mercy, to Abraham and his children for ever.

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation •
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations •
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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 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.

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