

*Congregants mute their lines (\*1)*

**Evening Prayer from  
*The Book of Common Prayer***

Sunday, 5 February 2023

Septuagesima

***Seasonal sentence***

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

*Psalm*  
96.9

***Penitential sentence***

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

*Psalm 51.9*

Dearly beloved [brethren],  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;

[and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before  
the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and  
obedient heart;  
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge  
our sins before God;  
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have  
received at his hands,  
to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.]

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying [after me]:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things**

**which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,  
the absolution and remission of their sins:  
he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent  
and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.  
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,  
and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

***Responses***

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

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

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.**

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

## Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners \*  
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord \*  
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side \*  
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither \*  
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them \*  
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement \*  
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous \*  
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Psalm 3

- 1 Lord, how are they increased that trouble me \*  
many are they that rise against me.
- 2 Many one there be that say of my soul \*  
There is no help for him in his God.
- 3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender \*  
thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
- 4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice \*  
and he heard me out of his holy hill.
- 5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again \*  
for the Lord sustained me.

- 6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people \*  
that have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God \*  
for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken  
the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord \*  
and thy blessing is upon thy people.

## Psalm 4

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness \*  
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and  
hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour \*  
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
- 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not \*  
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There be many that say \*  
Who will shew us any good?
- 7 Lord, lift thou up \*  
the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart \*  
since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.
- 9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest \*  
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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 lesson***

## A reading from the prophet Amos

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Judah,  
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;<sup>[a]</sup>  
because they have rejected the law of the LORD,  
and have not kept his statutes,  
but their lies have led them astray,  
after which their fathers walked.

<sup>5</sup> So I will send a fire upon Judah,  
and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Israel,  
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;<sup>[a]</sup>  
because they sell the righteous for silver,  
and the needy for a pair of shoes—

<sup>7</sup> they that trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,  
and turn aside the way of the afflicted;  
a man and his father go in to the same maiden,  
so that my holy name is profaned;

<sup>8</sup> they lay themselves down beside every altar  
upon garments taken in pledge;  
and in the house of their God they drink  
the wine of those who have been fined.

<sup>9</sup> “Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,  
whose height was like the height of the cedars,  
and who was as strong as the oaks;

I destroyed his fruit above,  
and his roots beneath.

<sup>10</sup> Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,  
and led you forty years in the wilderness,  
to possess the land of the Amorite.

<sup>11</sup> And I raised up some of your sons for prophets,  
and some of your young men for Nazirites.  
Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?”

says the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> “But you made the Nazirites drink wine,  
and commanded the prophets,  
saying, ‘You shall not prophesy.’  
<sup>13</sup> “Behold, I will press you down in your place,  
as a cart full of sheaves presses down.  
<sup>14</sup> Flight shall perish from the swift,  
and the strong shall not retain his strength,  
nor shall the mighty save his life;  
<sup>15</sup> he who handles the bow shall not stand,  
and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself,  
nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;  
<sup>16</sup> and he who is stout of heart among the mighty  
shall flee away naked in that day,”  
says the LORD.

***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*

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 lesson***

## A Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians

<sup>17</sup> Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; <sup>18</sup> they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart; <sup>19</sup> they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness. <sup>20</sup> You did not so learn Christ!— <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

***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

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.

**Creed**

**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.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the King.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

[[1549 rendition of today's CW collect]] ALMIGHTIE God, whiche doest make the myndes of all faythfull men to be of one wil; graunt unto thy people, that they maye love the thyng, whiche thou commaundest, and desyre, that whiche thou doest promes [promise]; that emong the sondery [sundry] and manifold chaunges of the worlde, oure heartes maye surely there bee fixed, whereas true joyes are to be founde; through Christe our Lorde.

**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.

**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.

**Amen.**

**¶ further prayers**

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

The Lord remaineth a King for ever;

. **The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

O God, who wouldst fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: Let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the homes of our land.

God hath made fast the bars of thy gates;

. **And hath blessed thy children within thee.**

O Lord God Almighty, Father of every family, against whom no door can be shut: Enter the homes of our land, we beseech thee, with the angel of thy presence, to hallow them in pureness and beauty of love: and by thy dear Son, born in a stable, move our hearts to hear the cry of the homeless, and to convert all sordid and bitter dwellings into households of thine; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

. Surely he hath borne our grief;

. **And carried our sorrows.**

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of them that suffer: Let the prayers of thy children who cry out of any tribulation come unto thee; and unto every Christian soul that is distressed grant thou mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Any additional notices*

*Congregants invited to unmute their lines (\*1)*

**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.**

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