

Morning Prayer Psalms and Readings w/c 18th October

The Collect God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.**

Monday, 18 October: Luke the Evangelist

Psalm 145 Refrain: *Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.*

¹I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦ and bless your name for ever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you ♦ and praise your name for ever and ever.

³Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦ his greatness is beyond all searching out. *R*

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another ♦ and declare your mighty acts.

⁵They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦ and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦ and I will also tell of your greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦ and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦ long-suffering and of great goodness. *R*

⁹The Lord is loving to everyone ♦ and his mercy is over all his creatures.

¹⁰All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦ and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦ and speak of your mighty power,

¹²To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦ and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦ your dominion endures throughout all ages. *R*

¹⁴The Lord is sure in all his words ♦ and faithful in all his deeds.

¹⁵The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦ and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦ and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand ♦ and fill all things living with plenty. *R*

¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦ and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦ to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦ he hears their cry and saves them.

²¹The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦ but all the wicked shall he destroy.

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦ and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign in acts of mercy and enduring love; raise the spirits of the downcast and restore those who have fallen away, that we may sing for ever of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 1.1-4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

The Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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.**

Tuesday, 19 October: Henry Martyn

Psalm 132 Refrain: *Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.*

¹Lord, remember for David ♦ all the hardships he endured;

²How he swore an oath to the Lord ♦ and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³I will not come within the shelter of my house, ♦ nor climb up into my bed;

⁴I will not allow my eyes to sleep, ♦ nor let my eyelids slumber,

⁵'Until I find a place for the Lord, ♦ a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.' *R*

⁶Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah ♦ and found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

⁷Let us enter his dwelling place ♦ and fall low before his footstool.

⁸Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, ♦ you and the ark of your strength.

⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness ♦ and your faithful ones sing with joy.

¹⁰For your servant David's sake, ♦ turn not away the face of your anointed. *R*

¹¹The Lord has sworn an oath to David, ♦ a promise from which he will not shrink:

¹²Of the fruit of your body ♦ shall I set upon your throne.

¹³If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, ♦
their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore.'

¹⁴For the Lord has chosen Zion for himself; ♦ he has desired her for his habitation: *R*

¹⁵This shall be my resting place for ever; ♦ here will I dwell, for I have longed for her.

¹⁶I will abundantly bless her provision; ♦ her poor will I satisfy with bread.

¹⁷I will clothe her priests with salvation, ♦ and her faithful ones shall rejoice and sing.

¹⁸There will I make a horn to spring up for David; ♦ I will keep a lantern burning for my anointed.

¹⁹As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; ♦ but on him shall his crown be bright.'

Jesus, Son of David, make us a priestly people; clothe us in righteousness, make us fruitful, and give us hearts to shout for joy in your salvation; we pray in the power of the Spirit.

John 15.12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Collect: Almighty God, who by your Holy Spirit gave Henry Martyn a longing to tell the good news of Christ and skill to translate the Scriptures: by the same Spirit give us grace to offer you our gifts, wherever you may lead, at whatever the cost; 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.**

Wednesday, 20 October

Psalm 119.153-end Refrain:*I have longed for your salvation, O Lord.*

¹⁵³O consider my affliction and deliver me, ♦ for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; ♦ according to your promise, give me life.

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, ♦ for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶Great is your compassion, O Lord; ♦ give me life, according to your judgements. *R*

¹⁵⁷Many there are that persecute and oppress me, ♦ yet do I not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸It grieves me when I see the treacherous, ♦ for they do not keep your word.

¹⁵⁹Consider, O Lord, how I love your commandments; ♦ give me life according to your loving-kindness.

¹⁶⁰The sum of your word is truth, ♦ and all your righteous judgements endure for evermore. *R*

¹⁶¹Princes have persecuted me without a cause, ♦ but my heart stands in awe of your word.

¹⁶²I am as glad of your word ♦ as one who finds great spoils.

¹⁶³As for lies, I hate and abhor them, ♦ but your law do I love.

¹⁶⁴Seven times a day do I praise you, ♦ because of your righteous judgements. *R*

¹⁶⁵Great peace have they who love your law; ♦ nothing shall make them stumble.

¹⁶⁶Lord, I have looked for your salvation ♦ and I have fulfilled your commandments.

¹⁶⁷My soul has kept your testimonies ♦ and greatly have I loved them.

¹⁶⁸I have kept your commandments and testimonies, ♦ for all my ways are before you.

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O Lord; ♦ give me understanding, according to your word.

¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before you; ♦ deliver me, according to your promise.

¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise, ♦ when you have taught me your statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue shall sing of your word, ♦ for all your commandments are righteous. *R*

¹⁷³Let your hand reach out to help me, ♦ for I have chosen your commandments.

¹⁷⁴I have longed for your salvation, O Lord, ♦ and your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live and it shall praise you, ♦ and let your judgements be my help.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; ♦

O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

God of mercy, swift to help us, as our lips pour forth your praise, fill our hearts with the peace you give to those who wait for your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord

John 15.18-end

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Thursday, 21 October

Psalm 143 Refrain: *Show me, O Lord, the way that I should walk in.*

¹Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ♦
answer me in your righteousness.

²Enter not into judgement with your servant, ♦ for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

³For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, ♦
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

⁴My spirit faints within me; ♦ my heart within me is desolate. *R*

⁵I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; ♦ I consider the works of your hands.

⁶I stretch out my hands to you; ♦ my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

⁷O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ♦
hide not your face from me lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you I put my trust; ♦
show me the way I should walk in, for I lift up my soul to you. *R*

⁹Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, ♦ for I flee to you for refuge.

¹⁰Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ♦ let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

¹¹Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ♦ for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

¹²In your faithfulness, slay my enemies, and destroy all the adversaries of my soul, ♦
for truly I am your servant.

Jesus, our companion, when we are driven to despair, help us, through the friends and strangers we encounter on our path, to know you as our refuge, our way, our truth and our life.

John 16.1-15

'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Friday, 22 October

Psalm 142 Refrain: *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name.*

¹I cry aloud to the Lord; ♦ to the Lord I make my supplication.

²I pour out my complaint before him ♦ and tell him of my trouble.

³When my spirit faints within me, you know my path; ♦
in the way wherein I walk have they laid a snare for me.

⁴I look to my right hand, and find no one who knows me; ♦
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for my soul. *R*

⁵I cry out to you, O Lord, and say: ♦ 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

⁶Listen to my cry, for I am brought very low; ♦
save me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me.

⁷Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name; ♦
when you have dealt bountifully with me, then shall the righteous gather around me.'

God of compassion, you regard the forsaken and give hope to the crushed in spirit; hear those who cry to you in distress and bring your ransomed people to sing your glorious praise, now and for ever.

John 16.16-22

'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.'