

Morning Prayer Psalms and Readings w/c 16th May 2022

If you wish, you can use these special provisions for Eastertide

Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Easter Anthems

¹Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦ so let us celebrate the feast,

²not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

³Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦ death has no more dominion over him.

⁴In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦ in living he lives to God.

⁵See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦ and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

⁶Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦ the first fruits of those who sleep.

⁷For as by man came death: ♦ by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

⁸for as in Adam all die: ♦ even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

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.

Canticle

Refrain: *The Lord has anointed me and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed. Alleluia.*

¹The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ♦ because he has anointed me.

²He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, ♦ to bind up the broken-hearted,

³To proclaim liberty to the captives, ♦ and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

⁴To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, ♦ to comfort all who mourn,

⁵To give them a garland instead of ashes, ♦

the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,

⁶That they may be called oaks of righteousness, ♦ the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

⁷For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ♦ and as seeds in the garden spring up,

⁸So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise ♦ blossom before all the nations.

⁹You shall be called priests of the Lord; ♦ they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

Isaiah 61

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 Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday, 16 May: Caroline Chisholm

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 4.38-end

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

Tuesday, 17 May

Psalm 19 Refrain: *The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.*

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦ and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²One day pours out its song to another ♦ and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

³They have neither speech nor language ♦ and their voices are not heard,

⁴Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦ and their words to the ends of the world.

⁵In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, ♦

that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

⁶It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, ♦

and there is nothing hidden from its heat. *R*

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; ♦

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; ♦

the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; ♦

the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ♦

sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them also is your servant taught ♦ and in keeping them there is great reward. *R*

¹²Who can tell how often they offend? ♦ O cleanse me from my secret faults!

¹³Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; ♦

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, ♦

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Christ, the sun of righteousness, rise in our hearts this day, enfold us in the brightness of your love and bear us at the last to heaven's horizon; for your love's sake.

Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Wednesday, 18 May

Psalm 30 Refrain: *You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.*

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up ♦ and have not let my foes triumph over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦ and you have healed me.

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ♦

you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦ give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦

Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. *R*

⁶In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved. ♦

You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'

⁷Then you hid your face from me ♦ and I was utterly dismayed.

⁸To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦ to the Lord I made my supplication:

⁹What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? ♦

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; ♦ O Lord, be my helper.' *R*

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; ♦

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; ♦ O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Lord, you hide your face when we trust in ourselves; strip us of false security and re-clothe us in your raise, that we may know you as the one who raises us from death, as you raised your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Luke 5.12-26

Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, 'I do choose. Be made clean.' Immediately the leprosy left him. And he ordered him to tell no one. 'Go', he said, 'and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.' But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralysed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you.' Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, 'Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the one who was paralysed—'I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.' Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, 'We have seen strange things today.'

Thursday, 19 May: Dunstan

Psalm 57

- ¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, ♦ for my soul takes refuge in you;
²In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge ♦ until the storm of destruction has passed by.
³I will call upon the Most High God, ♦ the God who fulfils his purpose for me.
⁴He will send from heaven and save me and rebuke those that would trample upon me; ♦
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.
⁵I lie in the midst of lions, ♦ people whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
⁶*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦ and your glory over all the earth.*
⁷They have laid a net for my feet; my soul is pressed down; ♦
they have dug a pit before me and will fall into it themselves.
⁸My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; ♦ I will sing and give you praise.
⁹Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, ♦ that I may awaken the dawn.
¹⁰I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; ♦ I will sing praise to you among the nations.
¹¹For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens, ♦ and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
¹²*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦ and your glory over all the earth.*

Tender God, gentle protector in time of trouble, pierce the gloom of despair and give us, with all your people, the song of freedom and the shout of praise; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 5.27-end

After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

Then they said to him, 'John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.' Jesus said to them, 'You cannot make wedding-guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.' He also told them a parable: 'No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, "The old is good." '

The Collect

Almighty God, who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock, a restorer of monastic life and a faithful counsellor to those in authority: give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people; 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.**

Friday, 20 May: Alcuin of York

Psalm 138 Refrain: *Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.*

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.

²I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul. *R*

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦ as for the proud, he regards them from afar. *R*

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

⁸The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 6.1-11

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the cornfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, 'Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' Jesus answered, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?' Then he said to them, 'The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.'

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Collect

God of wisdom, eternal light, who shone in the heart of your servant Alcuin, revealing to him your power and pity: scatter the darkness of our ignorance that, with all our heart and mind and strength, we may seek your face and be brought with all your saints to your holy presence; 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.**