

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

### ***The Book of Common Prayer***

**9.00 am Wednesday 28th July 2021**

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## ***Introduction***

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us sit in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

**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.**

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.**

## ***The Venite – Psalm 95***

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord :**

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :**

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God :**

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth :**

**and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it :**

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down :**

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God :**

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**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.**

## Psalm 72 (vv 1-12)

- 1 Lord, remember David \*  
and all his trouble;
- 2 **How he swore unto the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;**
- 3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 **I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber \*  
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;**
- 5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord \*  
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
- 6 **Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata \*  
and found it in the wood.**
- 7 We will go into his tabernacle \*  
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
- 8 **Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place \*  
thou, and the ark of thy strength.**
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness \*  
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
- 10 **For thy servant David's sake \*  
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.**
- 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David \*  
and he shall not shrink from it;
- 12 **Of the fruit of thy body \*  
shall I set upon thy seat.**

**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.**

**First reading: Ezekiel 33.21-end**

And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land? Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed. Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

**Second reading: James 3**

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

### ***Benedictus***

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;**

**And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;**

**As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;**

**That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.**

**To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;**

**To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;**

**That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear; In**

**holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.**

**And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;**

**To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,**

**Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;**

**To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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 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 Queen.

**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***

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Second Collect, for Peace***

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Third Collect, for Grace***

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Further Prayers***

***The Grace (2 Corinthians 13)***

**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.**