

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

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

**9.00 am Wednesday 18th August 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 92

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord \*  
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest;
- 2 **To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of thy truth in the night-season;**
- 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute \*  
upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
- 4 **For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works \*  
and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.**
- 5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works \*  
thy thoughts are very deep.
- 6 **An unwise man doth not well consider this \*  
and a fool doth not understand it.**
- 7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish \*  
then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the most Highest for evermore.
- 8 **For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish \*  
and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.**
- 9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn \*  
for I am anointed with fresh oil.
- 10 **Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies \*  
and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.
- 12 **Such as are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.**
- 13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age \*  
and shall be fat and well-liking.
- 14 **That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is \*  
and that there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**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: Proverbs 9***

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:  
She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.  
She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,  
Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,  
Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.  
Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.  
He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.  
Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.  
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.  
For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.  
If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.  
A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.  
For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,  
To call passengers who go right on their ways:  
Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,  
Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.  
But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

***Second reading: Mark 5.35-end***

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?  
As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.  
And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.  
And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.  
And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.  
And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.  
And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.  
And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.  
And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

*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, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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.**