

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

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

**9am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

***William Tyndale, translator, martyr 1536***

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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 30

1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up \*  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

**2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee \*  
and thou hast healed me.**

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell \*  
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

**4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his \*  
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.**

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life \*  
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

**6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed \*  
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.**

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me \*  
and I was troubled.

**8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord \*  
and gat me to my Lord right humbly.**

9 What profit is there in my blood \*  
when I go down to the pit?

**10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee \*  
or shall it declare thy truth?**

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me \*  
Lord, be thou my helper.

**12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy \*  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.**

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing \*  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

**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: 1 Maccabees 3:42-end***

Now when Judas and his brethren saw that miseries were multiplied, and that the forces did encamp themselves in their borders: for they knew how the king had given commandment to destroy the people, and utterly abolish them;

They said one to another, Let us restore the decayed fortune of our people, and let us fight for our people and the sanctuary.

Then was the congregation gathered together, that they might be ready for battle, and that they might pray, and ask mercy and compassion.

Now Jerusalem lay void as a wilderness, there was none of her children that went in or out: the sanctuary also was trodden down, and aliens kept the strong hold; the heathen had their habitation in

that place; and joy was taken from Jacob, and the pipe with the harp ceased.  
Wherefore the Israelites assembled themselves together, and came to Maspha, over against Jerusalem; for in Maspha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Israel.  
Then they fasted that day, and put on sackcloth, and cast ashes upon their heads, and rent their clothes,  
And laid open the book of the law, wherein the heathen had sought to paint the likeness of their images.  
They brought also the priests' garments, and the firstfruits, and the tithes: and the Nazarites they stirred up, who had accomplished their days.  
Then cried they with a loud voice toward heaven, saying, What shall we do with these, and whither shall we carry them away?  
For thy sanctuary is trodden down and profaned, and thy priests are in heaviness, and brought low.  
And lo, the heathen are assembled together against us to destroy us: what things they imagine against us, thou knowest.  
How shall we be able to stand against them, except thou, O God, be our help?  
Then sounded they with trumpets, and cried with a loud voice.  
And after this Judas ordained captains over the people, even captains over thousands, and over hundreds, and over fifties, and over tens.  
But as for such as were building houses, or had betrothed wives, or were planting vineyards, or were fearful, those he commanded that they should return, every man to his own house, according to the law.  
So the camp removed, and pitched upon the south side of Emmaus.  
And Judas said, arm yourselves, and be valiant men, and see that ye be in readiness against the morning, that ye may fight with these nations, that are assembled together against us to destroy us and our sanctuary:  
For it is better for us to die in battle, than to behold the calamities of our people and our sanctuary.  
Nevertheless, as the will of God is in heaven, so let him do.

***Second reading: Mark 15:33-41***

And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.  
And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?  
And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.  
And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.  
And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.  
And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.  
And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.  
There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;  
(Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

***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 swore 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***

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; 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.**

***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.**