

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

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

**9am Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 103**

1 Praise the Lord, O my soul \*  
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

**2 Praise the Lord, O my soul \*  
and forget not all his benefits;**

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin \*  
and healeth all thine infirmities;

**4 Who saveth thy life from destruction \*  
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;**

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things \*  
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

**6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement \*  
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.**

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses \*  
his works unto the children of Israel.

**8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy \*  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.**

9 He will not always be chiding \*  
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

**10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.**

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth \*  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

**12 Look how wide also the east is from the west \*  
so far hath he set our sins from 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.**

***First reading: 2 Maccabees 7.1-19***

It came to pass, that seven brethren with their mother were taken, and compelled by the king against the law to taste swine's flesh, and were tormented with scourges and whips.

But one of them that spake first said thus, What wouldest thou ask or learn of us? we are ready to die, rather than to transgress the laws of our fathers.

Then the king, being in a rage, commanded pans and caldrons to be made hot:

Which forthwith being heated, he commanded to cut out the tongue of him that spake first, and to cut off the utmost parts of his body, the rest of his brethren and his mother looking on.

Now when he was thus maimed in all his members, he commanded him being yet alive to be brought to the fire, and to be fried in the pan: and as the vapour of the pan was for a good space dispersed, they exhorted one another with the mother to die manfully, saying thus,

The Lord God looketh upon us, and in truth hath comfort in us, as Moses in his song, which witnessed to their faces, declared, saying, And he shall be comforted in his servants.

So when the first was dead after this number, they brought the second to make him a mocking stock: and when they had pulled off the skin of his head with the hair, they asked him, Wilt thou eat, before thou be punished throughout every member of thy body?

But he answered in his own language, and said, No. Wherefore he also received the next torment in order, as the former did.

And when he was at the last gasp, he said, Thou like a fury takest us out of this present life, but the King of the world shall raise us up, who have died for his laws, unto everlasting life.

After him was the third made a mocking stock: and when he was required, he put out his tongue, and that right soon, holding forth his hands manfully.

And said courageously, These I had from heaven; and for his laws I despise them; and from him I hope to receive them again.

Insomuch that the king, and they that were with him, marvelled at the young man's courage, for that he nothing regarded the pains.

Now when this man was dead also, they tormented and mangled the fourth in like manner.

So when he was ready to die he said thus, It is good, being put to death by men, to look for hope from God to be raised up again by him: as for thee, thou shalt have no resurrection to life.

Afterward they brought the fifth also, and mangled him.

Then looked he unto the king, and said, Thou hast power over men, thou art corruptible, thou doest what thou wilt; yet think not that our nation is forsaken of God;

But abide a while, and behold his great power, how he will torment thee and thy seed.

After him also they brought the sixth, who being ready to die said, Be not deceived without cause: for we suffer these things for ourselves, having sinned against our God: therefore marvellous things are done unto us.

But think not thou, that takest in hand to strive against God, that thou shalt escape unpunished.

### ***Second reading: John 15.18-end***

Jesus said to his disciples, If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

### ***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***

O almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things  
that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things  
that thou wouldest have done; 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.**