

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

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

**9.00 am Wednesday 10th November 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 50 vv 1-11** *Deus deorum.*

- 1 The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken \*  
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.
- 2 **Out of Sion hath God appeared \***  
**in perfect beauty.**
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence \*  
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about  
him.
- 4 **He shall call the heaven from above \***  
**and the earth, that he may judge his people.**
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me \*  
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- 6 **And the heaven shall declare his righteousness \***  
**for God is Judge himself.**
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak \*  
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.
- 8 **I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings \***  
**because they were not always before me.**
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thine house \*  
nor he-goat out of thy folds.
- 10 **For all the beasts of the forest are mine \***  
**and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.**
- 11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains \*  
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

**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: Isaiah 6***

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

### ***Second reading: Matthew 5.21-37***

Jesus said to the multitudes, Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

### ***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, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### ***The 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.**