

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Morning Prayer**

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

**9.00 am Wednesday 22nd March 2023**

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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 vv1-7***

**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 107 vv1-9 *Confitemini Domino.***

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious \*  
and his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2 **Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed \*  
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;**
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west \*  
from the north, and from the south.
- 4 **They went astray in the wilderness out of the way \*  
and found no city to dwell in;**
- 5 Hungry and thirsty \*  
their soul fainted in them.
- 6 **So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 7 He led them forth by the right way \*  
that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
- 8 **O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness \*  
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!**
- 9 For he satisfieth the empty soul \*  
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

**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: Jeremiah 18.13-end**

Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

Then said they, Come and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them.

Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

Yet, Lord, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.

**Second reading: John 10.11-21**

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

**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 King.  
**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 Collects of the day***

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.**