

7th Sunday of Easter *Sunday after Ascension*

Sunday 24 May 2020

EVENSONG

O Lord, open thou our lips.
O God, make speed to save us.

**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
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.

PSALM 47

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.
2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.
9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham :
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

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 Samuel 23:1-5

Now these *be* the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, ² The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his ord was in my tongue. ³ The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God. ⁴ And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain. ⁵ Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make *it* not to grow.

OFFICE HYMN

**O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,
redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou,
its Saviour and its King.**

**How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free.**

**But now the bands of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;**

and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.

O may thy mighty Love prevail
our sinful souls to spare
O may we come before thy throne
and find acceptance there

O Christ, be thou our present joy,
our future great reward!
Our only glory may it be
to glory in the Lord.

All praise to thee ascended Lord,
all glory ever be, to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost,
through all eternity

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, 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.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, ¹⁶ cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰ which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²² and hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

CREED, LORD'S PRAYER & LESSER LITANY

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. 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.

COLLECTS

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

HYMN

As now the sun's declining rays

at eventide descend,

so life's brief day is sinking down

to its appointed end.

**Lord, on the cross thine arms were stretched
to draw the nations nigh:
O grant us then that cross to love,
and in those arms to die.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.**

BLESSING