

TRINITY XVII

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.

**O STRENGTH and stay
upholding all creation,
Who ever dost thyself unmoved
abide,
Yet day by day the light in due
gradation
From hour to hour through all its
changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm,
unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of
decay,
The brightness of a holy
deathbed, blending
With dawning glories of the
eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and
forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ thy co-
eternal Word,
Who with the Holy Ghost, by all
things living,
Now and for endless ages art
adored.**

Psalm 102. Domine, exaudi.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my
crying come unto thee.

**Hide not thy face from me in the
time of my trouble : incline thine
ear unto me when I call; O hear
me, and that right soon.**

For my days are consumed away like smoke :
and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

**My heart is smitten down, and
withered like grass : so that I forget
to eat my bread.**

For the voice of my groaning : my bones will
scarce cleave to my flesh.

**I am become like a pelican in the
wilderness : and like an owl that is
in the desert.**

I have watched, and am even as it were a
sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

**Mine enemies revile me all the day
long : and they that are mad upon
me are sworn together against me.**

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and
mingled my drink with weeping;

**And that because of thine
indignation and wrath : for thou
hast taken me up, and cast me
down.**

My days are gone like a shadow : and I am
withered like grass.

**But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for
ever : and thy remembrance
throughout all generations.**

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why? thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when his glory shall appear;

When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from his sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and his worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in thy 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.

Here beginneth the 5th verse of the 17th chapter of the prophecy of Jeremiah.

THUS saith the LORD: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out his roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is desperately sick: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. As the partridge that gathereth young which she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed; they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Here endeth the first lesson.

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

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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.

Here beginneth the first epistle general of S. Peter.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappado'cia, Asia, and Bithyn'ia, chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

The prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired about this salvation; they inquired what person or time was indicated by the Spirit of Christ within them when predicting the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to

them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, *You shall be holy, for I am holy.*

And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Here endeth the second lesson.

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.

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.

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.

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 righteous-ness:
**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.**

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may
always prevent and follow us, and make us
continually to be given to all good works; Grant
this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever
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 thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

May the souls ✠ of the faithful through the
mercy of God rest in peace:
And rise in glory.

¶ **The sermon follows.**

¶ **And the prayers.**

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed ,
Be of sin the double cure :
Cleanse me from its guilt and
power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone :
Thou dost save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked , come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die .

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts
unknown,
See thee on thy judgement-
throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

