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**Evening Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer
The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity 25th Oct 2020**

God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. *1 John 4.16*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8,9*

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms 143.2*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

All 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.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that

those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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.

Hymn

Lord, thy Word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy Word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy Word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning,
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

Psalm 119:89-96 In aeternum. Domine

O LORD, thy word: endureth for ever in heaven.
Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to
another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and
it abideth.
They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for
all things serve thee.
If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have
perished in my trouble.
I will never forget thy commandments: for with them
thou hast quickened me.
I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy
commandments.
The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will
consider thy testimonies.
I see that all things come to an end: but thy
commandment is exceeding broad.

**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 128 Beati omnes

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in
his ways.

**For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well
is thee, and happy shalt thou be.**

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of
thine house.

**Thy children like the olive-branches: round about
thy table.**

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.

**The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that
thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life
long.**

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and
peace upon 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.**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 3:4-21 KJV

3 ⁴ And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto
the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto
them.

⁵ For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech
and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;
⁶ Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard
language, whose words thou canst not understand.
Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have
hearkened unto thee.

⁷ But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for
they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of
Israel are impudent and hardhearted.

⁸ Behold, I have made thy face strong against their
faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

⁹ As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy
forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their
looks, though they be a rebellious house.

¹⁰ Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words
that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and
hear with thine ears.

¹¹ And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the
children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell
them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear,
or whether they will forbear.

¹² Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a
voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of
the LORD from his place.

¹³ I heard also the noise of the wings of the living
creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the
wheels over against them, and a noise of a great
rushing.

¹⁴ So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I
went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand
of the LORD was strong upon me.

¹⁵ Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that
dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat,
and remained there astonished among them seven days.

¹⁶ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the
word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁷ Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the
house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth,
and give them warning from me.

¹⁸ When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die;
and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn
the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the
same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood
will I require at thine hand.

¹⁹ Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his
wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in
his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

²⁰ Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his
righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a
stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou
hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and
his righteousness which he hath done shall not be
remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

²¹ Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the
righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely
live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy
soul.

Here endeth the First lesson

Magnificat

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord : * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2 For he hath regarded : *the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3 For behold, from henceforth : * all generations shall call me blessed.
4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : * and holy is his Name.
5 And his mercy is on them that fear him : * throughout all generations.
6 He hath shewed strength with his arm : * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat : * and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8 He hath filled the hungry with good things: * and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9 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.

New Testament Reading John 15 KJV

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.
18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.
19 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.
20 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.
21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.
22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.
23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
24 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.
25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.
26 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:
27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.
 Here endeth the Second lesson

Nunc dimittis

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : *according to thy word.
2 For mine eyes have seen : * thy salvation;
3 Which thou hast prepared : * before the face of all people;
4 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.

The Apostles' Creed

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 catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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 Collect of the Second Sunday in Advent, formerly Bible Sunday

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

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

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

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

The Grace

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

Homily

Hymn

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.
- 2 May the Word of Christ dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r.
- 3 May the peace of Christ my Saviour
Rule my life in every thing,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

6 May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his
service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**