

Preparation

○ Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, ○ Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

**As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.**

For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

**Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;**

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

**But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;**

On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103.8-18

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, ○ God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm and Bible Reading – see appendix for daily readings

Response to Psalm

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Responsory

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

from Proverbs 3

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Pause and pray for:

- *The Queen, our Government and all making decisions that impact our nation and beyond*
- *Individuals and their needs*
- *The poor and oppressed*
- *All who are sick or bereaved*
- *All affected medically or financially by Coronavirus*
- *Churches and their response*
- *All involved with St Wilfrid's in any way*
- *Christians who are persecuted for their faith*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Psalm and Bible Reading

Monday 29th June

Psalm 71

1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.
2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence, even from my youth.
6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
when you drew me from my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.
7 I have become a portent to many, but you are my refuge and my strength.
8 Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.
9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.
10 For my enemies are talking against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;
pursue him and take him, because there is none to deliver him.'
12 O God, be not far from me; come quickly to help me, O my God.
13 Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace;
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
14 But as for me I will hope continually and will praise you more and more.
15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness and salvation all the day long,
for I know no end of the telling.
16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God;
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.
17 O God, you have taught me since I was young,
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.
18 Forsake me not, O God, when I am old and grey-headed, till I make known your deeds
to the next generation and your power to all that are to come.
19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;
in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?
20 What troubles and adversities you have shown me,
and yet you will turn and refresh me and bring me from the deep of the earth again.

Scripture Reading Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Tuesday 30th June

Psalm 73

1 Truly, God is loving to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well-nigh slipped
3 For I was envious of the proud; I saw the wicked in such prosperity;
4 For they suffer no pains and their bodies are sleek and sound;
5 They come to no misfortune like other folk; nor are they plagued as others are;
6 Therefore pride is their necklace and violence wraps them like a cloak.
7 Their iniquity comes from within; the conceits of their hearts overflow.
8 They scoff, and speak only of evil; they talk of oppression from on high.
9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue ranges round the earth;
10 And so the people turn to them and find in them no fault.
11 They say, 'How should God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?'

12Behold, these are the wicked; ever at ease, they increase their wealth.
13Is it in vain that I cleansed my heart and washed my hands in innocence?
14All day long have I been stricken and chastened every morning.
15If I had said, 'I will speak as they do,'
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
16Then thought I to understand this, but it was too hard for me,
17Until I entered the sanctuary of God and understood the end of the wicked:
18How you set them in slippery places; you cast them down to destruction.
19How suddenly do they come to destruction, perish and come to a fearful end!
20As with a dream when one awakes,
so, Lord, when you arise you will despise their image.
21When my heart became embittered and I was pierced to the quick,
22I was but foolish and ignorant; I was like a brute beast in your presence.
23Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.
24You will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.
25Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing upon earth that I desire in comparison with you.
26Though my flesh and my heart fail me,
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
27Truly, those who forsake you will perish;
you will put to silence the faithless who betray you.
28But it is good for me to draw near to God;
in the Lord God have I made my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Luke 15.11-end

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But

while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' '

Wednesday 1st July

Psalm 77

1I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
2When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.
3I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused and my spirit grew faint.
4You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak
5I consider the days of old; I remember the years long past;
6I commune with my heart in the night; my spirit searches for understanding.
7Will the Lord cast us off for ever? Will he no more show us his favour?
8Has his loving mercy clean gone for ever?
Has his promise come to an end for evermore?
9Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he shut up his compassion in displeasure?
10And I said, 'My grief is this:
that the right hand of the Most High has lost its strength.'
11I will remember the works of the Lord
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
12I will meditate on all your works and ponder your mighty deeds.

13Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?
14You are the God who worked wonders
and declared your power among the peoples.
15With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.
16The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and were afraid, the depths also were troubled.
17The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side;
18The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the ground; the earth trembled and shook.
19Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
but your footsteps were not known.
20You led your people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Gospel reading Luke 16:1-18

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.'

'The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.' Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Thursday 2nd July

Psalm 78.1-39

1Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour forth mysteries from of old,
3Such as we have heard and known, which our forebears have told us.
4We will not hide from their children, but will recount to generations to come,
the praises of the Lord and his power and the wonderful works he has done.
5He laid a solemn charge on Jacob and made it a law in Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children,
6That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, that they in turn might tell it to their children;
7So that they might put their trust in God and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments,
8And not be like their forebears, a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.
9The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, turned back in the day of battle;
10They did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in his law;
11They forgot what he had done and the wonders he had shown them.
12For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13He divided the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand still in a heap.
14He led them with a cloud by day and all the night through with a blaze of fire.
15He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16He brought streams out of the rock and made water gush out like rivers.
17Yet for all this they sinned more against him
and defied the Most High in the wilderness.
18They tested God in their hearts and demanded food for their craving.

19They spoke against God and said, 'Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20'He struck the rock indeed, so that the waters gushed out
and the streams overflowed, but can he give bread or provide meat for his people?'
21When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath;
a fire was kindled against Jacob and his anger went out against Israel,
22For they had no faith in God and put no trust in his saving help.
23So he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.
24He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.
25So mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in plenty.
26He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and led out the south wind by his might.

Gospel reading Luke 16.19-end

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. He said to him, if they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Friday 3rd July

Psalm 92

1It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
2To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time,
3Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre.

4For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts,
and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.
5O Lord, how glorious are your works! Your thoughts are very deep.
6The senseless do not know, nor do fools understand,
7That though the wicked sprout like grass and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
8It is only to be destroyed for ever; but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.
9For lo, your enemies, O Lord, lo, your enemies shall perish,
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild oxen;
I am anointed with fresh oil.
11My eyes will look down on my foes;
my ears shall hear the ruin of the evildoers who rise up against me.
12The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
13Such as are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;
15That they may show that the Lord is true;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Gospel reading John 11.1-16

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'