

## Morning Prayer Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;**

<sup>5</sup> make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

<sup>6</sup> **with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

<sup>9</sup> let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

Luke 19: 28-40

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever

ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"<sup>□</sup>

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

### Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbour his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> **he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;  
<sup>14</sup> **for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.**  
<sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass,  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup> **the wind blows over it and it is gone,  
and its place remembers it no more.**  
<sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting  
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,  
and his righteousness with their children's children—  
<sup>18</sup> **with those who keep his commandments  
and remember to obey his precepts.**  
<sup>19</sup> The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
<sup>20</sup> **Praise the Lord, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.**  
<sup>21</sup> Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.  
<sup>22</sup> **Praise the Lord, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the Lord, my soul.**

### Luke 19: 41-the end

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in

on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Jesus at the Temple

<sup>45</sup> When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. <sup>46</sup> "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'<sup>[4]</sup>; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. <sup>48</sup> Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Psalm 110

The Lord says to my lord:

"Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet."

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,  
"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"**

<sup>3</sup> Your troops will be willing  
on your day of battle.

Arrayed in holy splendour,  
your young men will come to you  
like dew from the morning's womb.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:**

**"You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek."**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup> **He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead  
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.**

<sup>7</sup> He will drink from a brook along the way, and so he will lift his head high.

## Luke 20: 1-8

20 One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. 2 “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

3 He replied, “I will also ask you a question. Tell me: 4 John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

5 They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Why didn’t you believe him?’ 6 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet.”

7 So they answered, “We don’t know where it was from.”

8 Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

### Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.<sup>[a]</sup>

Praise the Lord, you his servants;  
praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the Lord be praised,  
both now and forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

<sup>8</sup> **he seats them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

<sup>9</sup> He settles the childless woman in her home  
as a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord.

### Luke 20: 9-19

<sup>9</sup> He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup> At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. <sup>13</sup> “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

<sup>14</sup> “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’<sup>[a]</sup>?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup> The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

**Psalm 139: 1-18**

- <sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.
- <sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
- <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> **Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.**
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.**
- <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> **If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
- <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> **even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.**
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"
- <sup>12</sup> **even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**
- <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.**
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> **Your eyes saw my unformed body;**

**all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.**

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> **Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.**

**Luke 20: 20-26**

<sup>20</sup> Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. <sup>21</sup> So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. <sup>22</sup> Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>23</sup> He saw through their duplicity and said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>26</sup> They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.