

¶ *Evening Prayer Sunday, 23 January 2022* *The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Hymn

Psalm 33

All: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, ♦
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; ♦
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; ♦
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true ♦
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; ♦
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin ♦
and lays up the deep in his treasury.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; ♦
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; ♦
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; ♦
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦
and the people he has chosen for his own. *R*
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven ♦
and beholds all the children of earth.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them ♦
and understands all their works.
- 16 No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦
no warrior delivered by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦
for all its strength it cannot save. *R*
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, ♦
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death ♦
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦
in his holy name have we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦
as we have set our hope on you.

***All* 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.**

***All:* The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.**

Canticle A Song of Praise

***All* You created all things, O God, and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God, ♦
to receive glory and honour and power.
- 2 For you have created all things, ♦
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, ♦
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, ♦
and they will reign with you on earth.

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

All You created all things, O God, and are worthy of our praise for ever.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 7.17-24

However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

**All Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**All 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.**

**All Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

Prayers

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of his Spirit.
All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.