

Monday 19th April 2021

God's Faithful Provision

¶ PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
You, O Lord are my shepherd,
therefore I lack nothing.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, fountain of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
When your people were thirsty in the wilderness,
you remained faithful
and abundantly provided water from the rock for them to drink.
You visit the earth and water it,
you crown the year with goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
You are the giver of all good things,
gifting to us each new day, your mercies are new every morning,
and we, your creatures, glorify you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

This opening prayer may be said;

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

Silence is kept.

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

Amen.

¶ THE WORD OF GOD

Psalmody: Psalm 65

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

- 8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

**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.**

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Canticle: A Song of God's Blessing

**God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,**

- 2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and make his face to shine upon us.**

Scripture Reading

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Exodus 17.1-7

Responsory

Do not worry about anything;

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

Rejoice in the Lord; let your gentleness be known to everyone.

Do not worry about anything.

Think of things that are true, honourable and pure.

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Do not worry about anything;

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

from Philippians 4.4-8

Gospel Canticle

**Rejoice and be glad,
for the Lord has done great things!**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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

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for the Lord has done great things!**

PRAYERS

Intercessions are offered, and may conclude;

May the richness of your creation, Lord,
and the mystery of your providence
lead us to that heavenly city
where all peoples will bring their wealth,
and find their true joy,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Trusting in God's faithful provision,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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

Come, creator Spirit, source of life,
sustain us in hope and faith,
for you are the Father's gift,
with him who gives the water of life,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord our God, whose works are manifold and generous,
bless us and preserve us.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.