

**Midday Prayer**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**  
**Taken from Celebration of Common Prayer**

THE PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us  
**All: O Lord make haste to help us**

**Glory be 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**  
**Aleluia!**

A HYMN *may be sung*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

THE WORD OF GOD

The PSALMODY

Psalm 119 105-128

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet,\*  
a light on my path.

<sup>106</sup> **I have taken an oath and confirmed it,\*  
that I will follow your righteous laws.**

<sup>107</sup> I have suffered much;\*  
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> **Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,\*  
and teach me your laws.**

<sup>109</sup> Though I constantly take my life in my hands,\*  
I will not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> **The wicked have set a snare for me,\*  
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup> Your statutes are my heritage forever,\*  
they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> **My heart is set on keeping your decrees\*  
to the very end.**

<sup>113</sup> I hate double-minded people,\*  
but I love your law.

<sup>114</sup> **You are my refuge and my shield;\*  
I have put my hope in your word.**

<sup>115</sup> Away from me, you evildoers,\*  
that I may keep the commands of my God!

<sup>116</sup> **Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live;\*  
do not let my hopes be dashed.**

<sup>117</sup> Uphold me, and I will be delivered;\*  
I will always have regard for your decrees.

<sup>118</sup> **You reject all who stray from your decrees,\*  
for their delusions come to nothing.**

<sup>119</sup> All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross;\*  
therefore I love your statutes.

<sup>120</sup> **My flesh trembles in fear of you;\*  
I stand in awe of your laws.**

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is righteous and just;\*  
do not leave me to my oppressors.

<sup>122</sup> **Ensure your servant's well-being;\*  
do not let the arrogant oppress me.**

<sup>123</sup> My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,\*  
looking for your righteous promise.

<sup>124</sup> **Deal with your servant according to your love\*  
and teach me your decrees.**

<sup>125</sup> I am your servant; give me discernment\*  
that I may understand your statutes.

<sup>126</sup> **It is time for you to act, LORD;\*  
your law is being broken.**

<sup>127</sup> Because I love your commands\*  
more than gold, more than pure gold,  
<sup>128</sup> **and because I consider all your precepts right,\***  
**I hate every wrong path.**

**All: Glory be 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 READING (HEALTH AND HEALING)

Ecclesiasticus (The Wisdom of Sirach) 38: 1-8  
*From the Apocrypha*

Honour the physician with the honour due him, according to your need of him, for the Lord created him; for healing comes from the Most High, and he will receive a gift from the king. The skill of the physician lifts up his head, and in the presence of great men he is admired. The Lord created medicines from the earth, and a sensible man will not despise them.

And he gave skill to men that he might be glorified in his marvellous works. By them he heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes of them a compound. His works will never be finished; and from him health is upon the face of the earth. My son, when you are sick do not be negligent, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands aright, and cleanse your heart from all sin.

And give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; let him not leave you, for there is need of him. There is a time when success lies in the hands of physicians, for they too will pray to the Lord that he should grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

SILENCE IS KEPT

#### THE RESPONSE

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
**All: I have called you by name; you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
**All: And when you pass through rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.**

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned:

**All: And the flame shall not consume you.**

Do not fear, for I am with you,

**All: I am the Holy One, your Saviour.**

#### THE PRAYERS

The KYRIES *may be used as responses to intercession:*

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

#### THE COLLECT

**All: God of glory  
You nourish us with your Word  
Which is the bread of life:  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
That through us the light of your glory  
May shine in all the world;  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord  
Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth, in the words our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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 those 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.**

## THE BLESSING

May Christ our redeemer give us healing and wholeness.

**All: Amen**

Let us bless the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**