

Vespers
March 25, 2020

Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.** Psalm 51:15
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.** Psalm 70:1

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- P** though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;**
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Come, behold the works of the LORD,**
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- C** **“Be still, and know that I am God.**
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 13:1

Submission to the Authorities

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other

side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Lent)

Psalm 51:14; 59:1; 141:8

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

DEVOTION– Let's not look at the world Politically, but Biblically.

Magnificat—Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God,
my Savior;
- C** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- C** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy
is His name;
- P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to
generation.
- C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has ex-
alted the lowly.
- C** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He
has sent empty away.
- P** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His
mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed
forever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for-
ever. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Christ, have mercy.
- C** Christ, have mercy.
- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, 5
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 and the power and the glory for-
ever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You. Psalm 102:1

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

P Gracious God, heavenly Father, You know the shock and sorrow that the events of these days have spread across the land. We are helpless before the evil that afflicts us and therefore cry out to You for comfort, shelter, and protection. Mercifully embrace the frightened in Your love, empower the weak with Your strength, restrain the wicked by Your might, and preserve the righteous in Your grace, giving us Your peace and turning tragedy to triumph; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Almighty God, grant integrity and well-being to all who are in authority in our nation and this community. Grant them grace and wisdom to rule according to Your good pleasure, to the main-

tenance of justice and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

Sending

P Go In Peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

