

Order of Service – Compline - 21st February 2021, 6.30pm on Zoom (Log on 6:25)

St. Mary's Saffron Walden

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Welcome: (Service Leader)

Responses: (Sung)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Confessions (Said):

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost that we have sinned in thought, word and deed through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you from all your sins, and deliver you from evil, confirm and strengthen in you all goodness, and bring you to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Responses: (Sung)

O God make speed to save us. O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Compline Hymn:

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world we pray. That with thy wonted favour thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies, Tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ thine only Son: who with the Holy ghost and thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Psalm 25, Verses 1-9 (Sung)

1 UN-TO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust *in* thee : O let me not be confounded, | neither let mine enemies *tri-umph* o-ver me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be a-*sham*-ed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put *to con-fu-sion*.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and *teach* me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and *learn* me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope *all* the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender *mer-cies* : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been *ev-er* of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of *my* youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, *for* thy good-ness.

7 Gracious and righteous is *the* Lord : therefore will he teach *sin-ners* in the>way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in *judge-ment* : and such as are gentle, them *shall* he learn his>way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy *and* truth : unto such as keep his covenant, and his *tes-ti-mo-nies*.

Psalm 119, Verses 17-32 (17 Verses) and Gloria

17 O DO well unto thy *ser-vant* : that I may *live*, and keep thy> word.
18 Open thou *mine* eyes : that I may see the won-drous *things* of thy law.
19 I am a stranger up-*on* earth : O hide not thy com-*mand*-ments from me.
20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent *de-sire* : that it hath always un-*to* thy judge-ments.
21 Thou hast rebuked *the* proud : and cursed are they that do err from *thy* com-*mand*-ments.
22 O turn from me shame and *re-buke* : for I have kept thy *tes-ti-mo-nies*.
23 Princes also did sit and speak a-*gainst* me : but thy servant is occupied *in* they sta-tutes.
24 For thy testimonies are my *de-light* : - *and* my coun-sel>lors.
25 My soul cleaveth to *the* dust : O quicken thou me, accord-*ing* to thy word.
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heard-*est* me : O teach *me* thy sta-tutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy com-*mand*-ments : and so shall I talk *of* thy won-drous>works.
28 (Stephen P) My soul melteth away for very hea-*vi-ness* : comfort thou me according *un-to* thy word.
29 Take from me the way of *ly-ing* : and cause thou me to make *much* of thy law.
30 I have chosen the way *of* truth : and thy judgements have I *laid* be-fore me.
31 I have stuck unto thy testi-*mo-nies* : O *Lord*, confound me> not.
32 I will run the way of thy com-*mand*-ments : when thou hast set my *heart* at lib-er>ty.
Glory be to the Father, and to *the* Son : and *to* the Ho-ly> Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be : world with-*out* end. A-men.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-end (Said)

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased". And the spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited upon him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news!"

Antiphons: (Sung)

Into thy hands O Lord, I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. Keep us, O Lord as the apple of an eye: Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Kyrie: (Sung)

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer: (Sung)

Our Father which 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Reponses: (Sung)

O Lord hear our prayer. And let our cry come unto thee. Let us pray.

Intercessions (Diana & David Hoy)

Collects (chanted)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your spirit, and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god now and forever. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night: For the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Antiphon: Preserve us O Lord, while waking and guard us while sleeping. That awake may we be with Christ and in peace may take our rest.

Nunc Dimittis: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.; according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles. And to be the Glory of thy people Israel.

Gloria: Glory be to the Father, and to *the* Son : and *to* the Ho-ly> Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be : world with-out end. A-men.

Office Hymn: Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's ever lasting light. Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servant when they call.

Thou cam's't, the Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, The spotless victim all divine.

At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow, all things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Laud, honour, might, and Glory be – from age to age – eternally. Amen.

Blessing: (Sung) Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Bless us and preserve us. Amen.

Here ends the Service.