Evening Prayer Tuesday of Easter 4: 27th April 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 116
FIRST LESSON Exodus 32.15-34
SECOND LESSON Luke 3.1-14

The Psalm and readings can be found online at www.biblegateway.com, in various translations: recommended are NRSV, RSV, or KJV.

1 THE COLLECT FOR EASTER 4

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

2 THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

3 THE THIRD COLLECT for aid against all perils.

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

PRAYERS

Lord hear us  Lord graciously hear us.

God our Father, as this Easter Term begins, we turn to you in prayer; we think back to our celebrations of Easter Day, our time with family; and we ask your blessing on us, and on our friends, in the term ahead:

Grant us, dear Lord, a vision of the eternity you have promised; dispel the darkness of our self-doubt; and give us the tranquillity which come from a quiet conscience, reliant on your goodness.

God our Father, hear our prayers for this United Kingdom; in this time of trouble and strain:

Show us, Lord God, our land as your love would make it: a land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a land where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a land where different races and cultures live in mutual respect; a land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

And give us the inspiration and courage to build it.

God our Father we pray tonight for anyone we know whose life, whose peace of mind, is overwhelmed by anxiety, especially by fears about the future:

Dear Father in heaven, it is hard for us not to be anxious. We worry about work and money, food and health, politics and justice; about loving and being loved.

Let your Holy Spirit guide us to trust in Scripture’s teaching, that perfect love casts out fear, and help us to know that often all that stands between us and happiness is us.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.