Evening Prayer Tuesday of Easter 6: 11th May 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

'The Sower' Vincent van Gogh (1853 - 1890), Arles, November 1888

PSALM 65. Te decet hymnus

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2. Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5. Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness,
O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
7. Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.
10. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.
13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14. The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

The readings can be found online at www.biblegateway.com; recommended translations are NRSV, RSV, or KJV.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8.1-10
SECOND LESSON Philippians 4.4-7

1 THE COLLECT FOR EASTER 5
O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform 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.
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
Tonight the prayers reflect Rogationtide, when we pray for the land,
crops, and harvests.

V Lord hear us R Lord graciously hear us.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, O all ye powers of the Lord,
O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: Praise him and magnify him for ever.
O Father our Creator, the heavens are yours
and the earth also is yours.
So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom, and lay our cares and needs before you,
praying for ourselves and others this night;
while the earth endures, seed time and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.
Almighty God, bless our homes and communities,
especially those whose daily labour contributes to the good
of all.
Tonight we give thanks for our College and our common life;
as you provide the seed for sowing, the hand for doing,
the mind for thinking, and the heart for loving,
bless us and preserve us all the days of our life:

O Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, you surround with your love
all things living, and show your care for man and beast alike:
we thank you for the companionship of animals and birds,
without which there would be for humankind
a great loneliness of spirit on the earth.
When we are careless of the needs of our fellow creatures,
forgive us, and turn our hearts, teaching us to value the lives
we have,
and the lives of all your creatures:

O all ye works of the Lord, O ye angels of the Lord, O ye heavens,
bless ye the Lord: Praise him and magnify him for ever.
O Spirit, our Sustainer, you brood everlastingly
over the lands and the waters, and endow them
with forms and colours which no human skill can copy:
give us today, we ask you, the mind and heart
to rejoice in your creation,
You have given us a good land...where we may eat bread
without scarcity, where we need lack nothing.
Almighty God,
bless the increase of crops and grain and fruit-bearing trees,
that bread and wine and wholesome food may be shared
and enjoyed—not only by us but by all your people.
Above all, teach us that man does not live by bread alone,
but by your living Word:

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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.