Evening Prayer Lent 3: 9th March 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 107
FIRST LESSON Genesis 47.28-48.end
SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5.11-6.12

For the Psalm and readings see www.biblegateway.com, where alternative translations are available: I suggest NRSV, RSV, or KJV.

1 THE COLLECT FOR LENT 3

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 COLLECT for ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthyly lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3 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.

4 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  

³ Lord hear us  
⁴ Lord graciously hear us.

Tonight we are using the psalm to guide our praying. It is a history psalm, so it touches on aspects of life common to all humankind. Where our experience cannot take us, we have our imagination to give us insight into the needs and hopes of others.

They went astray in the wilderness out of the way: and found no city to dwell in:

Father, hear our prayer for those who are homeless…

Hungry and thirsty: their soul fainted in them: Father, hear our prayer for those who have no clean water, and not enough to eat…

When they are minished and brought low: through oppression, through any plague or trouble: Father, hear our prayer for those who are suffering or bereaved because of covid; or who are working without rest to bring help to others…

Some sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: being fast bound in misery and iron: Father, hear our prayer for friends and loved ones whose mood is low, or depressed, or who are lonely and unhappy during lockdown; help them to see the goodness of life again…

They cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them from their distress:

Father, in times of trouble help us to pray aright. Tonight we pray for families in distress, remembering the Royal family, and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex…

He led them forth by the right way: that they might go to the city where they dwell: Father, hear our prayer for refugees, and migrants, that they may find a home, and safety, and peace…

Father, you satisfy the empty soul, and fill the hungry soul with goodness: when we cry to you in trouble, make haste deliver us out of our distress; send your Word, and heal us; save us from destruction.

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.