Evening Prayer  EPIPHANY 3: 26th January 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 145
FIRST LESSON  Genesis 13.2-end
SECOND LESSON  Matthew 26.17-35

The Psalm and readings can be found online at www.biblegateway.com, where alternative translations are available: I suggest NRSV, RSV, or KJV.

1 THE COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY 3
almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

V  Lord hear us  R  Lord graciously hear us.

Tonight’s prayers meditate upon the Collect of the day:
mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us...

O Christ our Lord, in times past, not all the sick and suffering found their way to your side, but had to have their hands taken, or their bodies carried, or their names mentioned. So we, confident of your goodness, bring others to you this night for hope and healing...

In times past, Lord Jesus, you looked at the faith of friends and let peace and healing be known. This night, look on our faith, even our little faith, and let your kingdom come among us...

We name in our hearts, Lord Jesus, those for whom pain is a great problem; who are marked more by their distress than their potential; whose lives are a burden to themselves, and, they fear, to others...

We name before you, Lord Jesus, in our hearts those whose problem is not physical; those who are haunted by the nightmares of the past or the spectres of their future, those who do not know what is wrong with them, and do not know how to pray...

We name before you, Lord Jesus, in our hearts those in whose experience light has turned to darkness, as the end of a life or the breaking of a relationship leaves them not knowing where to turn, or whether life has purpose. Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, bring them healing, bring them peace...

We do not forget, Lord Jesus, that some people’s troubles are hidden from us; and that some secrets must not be spoken aloud, and are not ours to share: these too we bring to you – Lord Jesus, lover of all, our Saviour, our brother, friend of sinners, bring healing, bring peace...

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.