Evening Prayer SEXAGESIMA: 9th February 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 33
FIRST LESSON Genesis 31.1-24
SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 4.1-8

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 SEXAGESIMA
O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for endurance in this time of trouble; asking God to help those whose needs we cannot meet or understand; and we ask him to help us find in him the strength to keep enduring, with patience and courage.

Lord, your word is true, your actions are faithful. You watch over those who put their trust in your mercy. Make speed to save us, our help and our shield; make haste to help us. Our heart shall rejoice in you, because we have hoped in your holy name. Let your merciful kindness be upon us, as we put our trust in you:

Remembering tonight’s Lesson we pray for all who preach and teach the faith. We ask God to help us cleave to the truth; and not to be distracted by trivia or temptations.

Gracious God, help all who teach the faith – from Sunday school teachers to bishops and professors – to find the right words at the right time; to preach from conviction not from books; to communicate your lively Word. Let us who learn and listen not turn away from the truth, but stay alert, enduring what we must for the sake of the gospel, so we may share in its blessings.

Our final prayers are for those who will let go their life this day; trusting that no-one breathes their last without you beside them.

Gracious God, if anyone is finding it hard to let go their life, inspire them with S. Paul’s example, who fought a good fight, who finished the course, who kept the faith. Set before us the hope of crowns of righteousness, which you will give to all those who love your appearing:

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.