Evening Prayer Tuesday of Easter 7: 18th May 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 107. Confitemini Domino
O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from
the hand of the enemy;
3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west: from
the north and from the south.
4. They went astray in the wilderness out of the way: and found no city to
dwell in;
5. Hungry and thirsty: their soul fainted in them.
6. So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them from
their distress.
7. He led them forth by the right way: that they might go to the city where
they dwelt.
8. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare
the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
9. For he satisfieth the empty soul: and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10. Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: being fast bound in
misery and iron;
11. Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord: and lightly regarded
the counsel of the most Highest;
12. He also brought down their heart through heaviness: they fell down, and
there was none to help them.
13. So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivered them out
of their distress.
14. For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death :
and brake their bonds in sunder.
15. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare
the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
42. The righteous will consider this, and rejoice: and the mouth of all
wickedness shall be stopped.
43. Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the
loving-kindness of the Lord.

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

FIRST LESSON Numbers 22.36-23.12
SECOND LESSON Luke 8.1-15

1 THE COLLECT FOR EASTER 7

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with
great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not
comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto
the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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

Tonight we draw on the psalm, which is already a prayer, formed long ago, but speaking anew to us.

First we ask, Lord, for the gift of a thankful heart, to remember our blessings: 
O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endures for ever.

We pray, Lord, for people in pain of mind or body; our friends, ourselves, our families and loved ones; the people we hurry past: 
They cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them from their distress.

We remember, Lord, that you have made yourself known to us, and will again; make us ready to do your will and hear your world to us: 
O that we might therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

We have confidence, Lord, in the faith you have given us; that though it be only a little, it will grow, and give shade to others and to us: 
You satisfy the empty soul: and fill the hungry soul with goodness.

There is always something for us to let go of, Lord; you know it and we know it; help us now to let your Spirit work in us, renewing us once more: All who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: being fast bound in misery and iron; when they cry to you in their trouble: you rescue them from their distress.

O that we might therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men! All who are wise will ponder these things: and understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

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.