Evening Prayer Lent 2: 2nd March 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALMS 52, 53, 54
FIRST LESSON Genesis 44.1-17
SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2.1-9

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 2

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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, worthily 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

Lord hear us  Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus, made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour...by the grace of God tasted death for every man. Tonight we set before us the example of Christ Jesus; who became like us to make us like him; and who made death into a gateway that leads to life, for us:

Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt: O thou false tongue. Gracious God, hear us as we pray into the hurt caused by unkind words; words we have heard and words we have spoken. When we fail to curb our angry speech, preserve us from the corruption of speaking falsely too:

I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God Gracious God, when we doubt ourselves, give us confidence to serve you. As the olive tree stands for life, and fruitfulness, and peace, may we find those blessings in our common worship and private prayers:

The foolish body hath said in his heart: There is no God Gracious God, even for us who know and love you, there come times of doubt and darkness. Teach us to embrace darkness as our teacher; let doubt point us towards work still to be done, and prayers yet to be offered:

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: because it is so comfortable. We pray together the Grace:

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.