The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALM 135
Laudate Nomen
O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
2. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
3. O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4. For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his own possession.
5. For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
6. WHATSOEVER the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7. He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
8. He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.
9. He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
10. He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings;
11. Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12. And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.
13. Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
14. For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants.
15. As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men’s hands.
16. They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not.
17. They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18. They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them.
19. Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
20. Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
21. Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

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

FIRST LESSON
Joshua 2
SECOND LESSON
Luke 9.28-36

1 THE COLLECT FOR WHIT SUNDAY
O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, 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
Peace, peace! Heavenly Father, so cry the false prophets, Peace, peace! where there is no peace. Do not let us take your love for granted, or hold your grace cheap. Do not let us be too certain of our own righteousness. Instead, challenge us as individuals, so that when we stray from the true path, you will correct us, and break down our presumption:
Lord hear us Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, you know how mixed are the messages about peace that we absorb through life. We hold our peace, keep the peace, share signs of peace, depart in peace; and, constantly, we pray for peace. Let Christ—who is our peace—gather the lost and the outcast, the alienated and deluded, those who use violence to make their voice heard, or misuse power and crush the truth: let the Holy Spirit transform all anger into blessing, and all grudges into generous forgiveness:
Lord hear us Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; like our great predecessor in this College, Jeremy Taylor, teach us to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of your love:

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation with thy mercy, and us with thy grace and salvation. Let thy holy angels pitch their tents round about and dwell here, that no illusion of the night may abuse us, the spirits of darkness may not come near to hurt us, no evil or sad accident oppress us; and let the eternal Spirit of the Father dwell within us, filling every corner of our hearts with light and grace. And let thy blessing, most blessed God, be upon us for ever:

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The God of peace and love remain with us always, as 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.