



**Morning Prayer**  
**Wednesday May 19, 2021**  
**Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury**  
**10 am on Zoom**

*Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. [Matthew 24:42]*

**Opening Sentence**

*Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. [Hebrews 9:24]*

**Opening Prayer**

God of steadfast love: Turn our hearts to you, that we may once again delight in your goodness and rejoice in the good news of the risen Christ; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**The Confession**

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

**Invitatory Canticle: Christ our Passover:**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \* so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### **Psalm 57:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down.

They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves.

<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.

<sup>8</sup> Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

### **The First Lesson: A Reading from The Book of Exodus 25:31-40**

31 You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its calyxes, and its petals shall be of one piece with it; <sup>32</sup>and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; <sup>33</sup>three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with calyx and petals, on one branch, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with calyx and petals, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. <sup>34</sup>On the lampstand itself there shall be four cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with its calyxes and petals. <sup>35</sup>There shall be a calyx of one piece with it under the first pair of branches, a calyx of one piece with it under the next pair of branches, and a calyx of one piece with it under the last pair of branches—so for the six branches that go out of the lampstand. <sup>36</sup>Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it one hammered piece of pure gold. <sup>37</sup>You shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. <sup>38</sup>Its snuffers and trays shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup>It, and all these utensils, shall be made from a talent of pure gold. <sup>40</sup>And see that you make them according to the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

### **A Song of Faith            1 Peter [1:3-4, 18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

### **The Second Lesson: The Gospel of Matthew [24:42-47]**

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. 'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

### **The Song of Mary    *Magnificat*    Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children forever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into**

heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear our cry, O God. **And listen to our prayer.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior; **R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation; **R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations; **R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Collect of the Day

Direct your Church, O Lord, into the beauty of holiness, that, following the good example of your servant Dunstan, we may honor your Son Jesus Christ with our lips and in our lives; to the glory of his Name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### A Prayer of Dunstan of Canterbury

Glory be to you, almighty Father, you have given to those who fear you the heavenly bread of life, that we may be mindful of the marvels which you have done on the earth, by sending us your only Son, fully human, born of a pure virgin. We give you thanks, holy Father, for you created us before we were, and while we were still sinners you made us partakers of your heavenly grace; through your Son, our Lord and God, who with you and the Holy Spirit makes, orders, and rules all things, now and forever. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Discernment

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life: As the gift of this new day unfolds, open our hearts and minds to you, that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead; to you, risen Savior, we offer praise, now and always **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Wisdom**

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

## **A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus**

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 585, 000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for an End to Racism**

Lord, Jesus Christ who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the barriers in our community and to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**