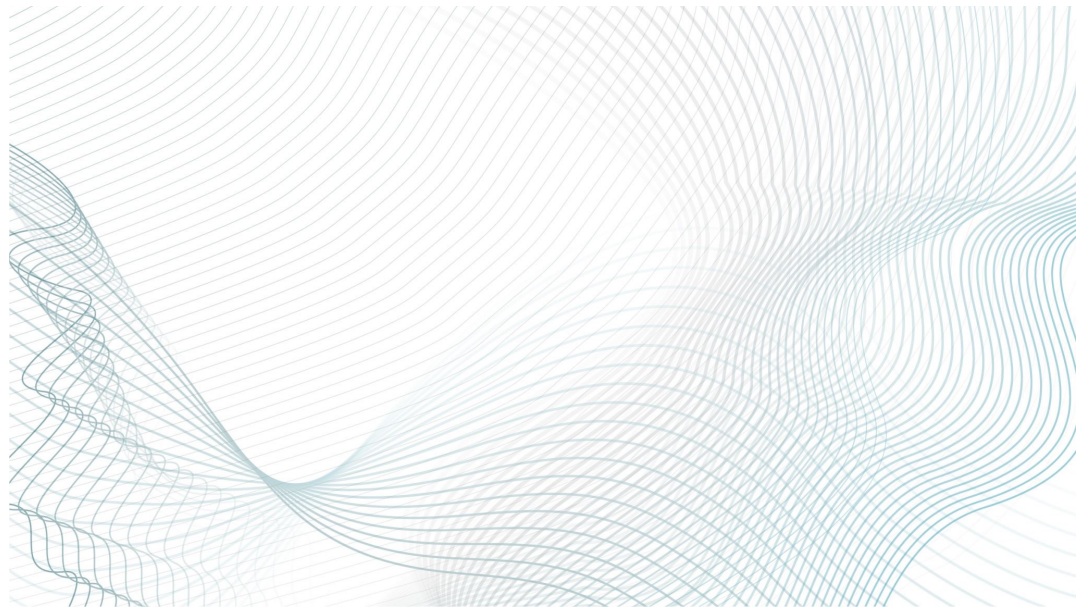


Vespers for Thursday

21 OCTOBER 2021



Preparation

Presider

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

Let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

‘O Gracious
Light, Lord
Jesus Christ’
*Common
Praise #14*

Cantor

I

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the Father’s glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is God,
And blest are you, God’s holy Word.

II

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;
The lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Author, Word, and Spirit: God
Who dwells in the eternal light.

‘O Gracious
Light, Lord
Jesus Christ’
*Common
Praise #14*

Cantor

III

Worthy are you of endless praise,

O Word of God, life-giving Lord;

Wherefore you are through all the earth

And in the highest heaven adored.

Psalm 34. 1-8

Psalmist

I will bless the Lord at all times; /
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; /
Let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; /
let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me /
and delivered me from all my terrors.

Psalm 34. 1-8 (continued)

Psalmist

Look upon the Lord and radiant; /
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I call in my affliction, and the Lord heard me /
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who fear the Lord /
and delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; /
happy are they who take refuge in God!

Psalm Prayer

Psalmist

Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you.
Calm our bodies and minds
with the peace which passes understanding,
and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Mark 8.22-26

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

Reflection

Following the Reading, we reflect on the Word. We conclude with

Reader

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

Prayer

Presider

Let us remember

- ❖ local government and community leaders
- ❖ all who provide local services
- ❖ those who work with the young and the elderly
- ❖ schools, colleges and universities
- ❖ emergency and rescue organizations
- ❖ any other intercession, petition and thanksgiving

Silence

Litany

Presider

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth: **O God, who reveals yourself in glory, hear our prayer.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is your gift: **O God, who reveals yourself in glory, hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace: **O God, who reveals yourself in glory, hear our prayer.**

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory: **O God, who reveals yourself in glory, hear our prayer.**

Collect

Presider

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,
you heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.

Teach us to be attentive
to the voices others ignore,
and, by the power of the Spirit,
respond in your name to heal the afflicted
and welcome the abandoned;
for your sake and the sake of the gospel. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as
Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Deacon (or Presider)

Let us go forth in the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Presider

May God kindle in us the fire of love. **Amen.**