



# VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF HANNAH GRIER COOME

9 FEBRUARY 2023

# THE 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 God, to Christ and to the Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

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PRAISE

‘O Gracious Light, Lord  
Jesus Christ’

*Common Praise #14*

*Cantor*

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father’s glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God  
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.

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# PSALM

## Psalm 119.145-152

### *Psalmist*

<sup>145</sup> I call with my whole heart; \*  
answer me, O Lord,  
that I may keep your statutes.

<sup>146</sup> **I call to you; oh, that you would save me! \***  
**I will keep your decrees.**

<sup>147</sup> Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  
for in your word is my trust.

<sup>148</sup> **My eyes are open in the night watches, \***  
**that I may meditate upon your promise.**

*The Psalm continues on the next slide.*

# PSALM

## Psalm 119.145-152

### (continued)

#### *Psalmist*

<sup>149</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord,  
according to your loving-kindness; \*  
according to your judgements, give me life.

<sup>150</sup> **They draw near who in malice persecute me; \***  
**they are very far from your law.**

<sup>151</sup> You, O Lord, are near at hand, \*  
and all your commandments are true.

<sup>152</sup> **Long have I known from your decrees \***  
**that you have established them for ever.**

## PSALM PRAYER

*Psalmist*

Lord,  
you are just  
and your commandments are eternal;  
teach us to love you with all our heart  
and our neighbour as ourselves,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# READING

## Matthew 6.19-21

### *Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

# RESPONSE

*Reader*

*After a period of silent reflection, the Reader then says,*

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.  
**I came that they may have life,  
and have it abundantly.**



# INTERCESSIONS, PETITIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

*Presider*

Let us remember

- local governments and community leaders;
- all who provide local services;
- those who work with young or elderly people;
- schools, colleges and universities;
- emergency and rescue organizations, and
- our own petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings.

## VERSICLES & RESPONSES

*Presider*

Send forth your strength, O God,  
**establish what you have wrought in us.**

Uphold all those who fall  
**and raise up those who are bowed down.**

Open the eyes of the blind  
**and set the prisoners free.**

Sustain the orphan and widow  
**and give food to those who hunger.**

Grant them the joy of your help again  
**and sustain them with your Spirit.**

O Lord, judge the peoples  
**and take all nations for your own.**

## THE COLLECT

*Presider*

Eternal God, you clothed your servant Hannah  
with the habit of prayer and the robe of wisdom,  
to guide her sisters in this nation  
in the ways of holiness  
and the works of mercy and love.  
Deliver us, we pray,  
from an inordinate love of this world,  
that we may be freed  
for the worship of your Name  
and for deeds that reveal your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our 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.**

# THE SENDING FORTH

*Deacon (or Presider)*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Presider*

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