

¶ Evening Prayer on Wednesday

Wednesday, 16 September 2020

Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432 [Lesser Festival]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

Allo Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of God's Descending

1I love you, O Lord my strength. ◆

The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.

**2In my distress I called upon the Lord ◆
and cried out to my God for help.**

3He heard my voice in his temple ◆
and my cry came to his ears.

**4He parted the heavens and came down ◆
and thick darkness was under his feet.**

5He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ◆
he came flying on the wings of the wind.

**6He made darkness his covering round about him, ◆
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

7From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ◆
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**8The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ♦
the Most High uttered his voice
with hailstones and coals of fire.**

9For you will save a lowly people ♦
and bring down the high looks of the proud.

**10You also shall light my candle; ♦
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.**

11As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ♦
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1, 6, 7 ,10-14, 28, 29, 31

**AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 11

Refrain: The Lord's throne is in heaven.

1 In the Lord have I taken refuge; 
how then can you say to me,
'Flee like a bird to the hills,

**2 'For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string, 
to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart.**

3 'When the foundations are destroyed, 
what can the righteous do?' R

**4 The Lord is in his holy temple; 
the Lord's throne is in heaven.**

5 His eyes behold, 
his eyelids try every mortal being.

**6 The Lord tries the righteous as well as the wicked, 
but those who delight in violence his soul abhors.**

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire
and burning sulphur; 
scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.

**8 For the Lord is righteous;
he loves righteous deeds, ♦
and those who are upright shall behold his face.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Isaiah 52v1-7

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Canticle

A Song of the Blessed

Refrain:

**All Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**2 Blessed are those who mourn, ♦
for they shall be comforted.**

3 Blessed are the meek, ♦
for they shall inherit the earth.

**4 Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness, ♦
for they shall be satisfied.**

5 Blessed are the merciful, ♦
for they shall obtain mercy.

**6 Blessed are the pure in heart, ♦
for they shall see God.**

7 Blessed are the peacemakers, ♦
for they shall be called children of God.

**8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5.3-10

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

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

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for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 16v15-end

¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news^[d] to the whole creation. ¹⁶ The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes in their hands,^[e] and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Reflection

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Refrain:

**All How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news and proclaim
the gospel of peace.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; 
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; 
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, 
from generation to generation.

**4 He has shown strength with his arm 
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

**6He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.**

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

**8The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1.46-55

**AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain:

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are the feet of those who bring good news and proclaim
the gospel of peace.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362–363](#)

- ¶ The social services
- ¶ All who work in the criminal justice system
- ¶ Victims and perpetrators of crime
- ¶ The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- ¶ Those living in poverty or under oppression

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362–371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel
to the people of northern Britain:
raise up in this and every land
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

**All 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

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