

KEP Online 10.01.2021 Evening Prayer

Preparation

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
*All* **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

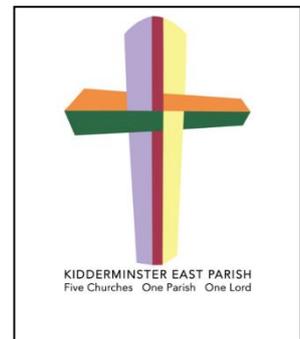
*All* **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may act justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*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.

*All* Amen.

### The Word of God

Based on Psalm 46

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;  
God will help at the break of day.

*All* **The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;  
God will help at the break of day.**

God is our refuge and strength,  
ready to help whenever we are in trouble:

*All* **God will help at the break of day.**

We will not fear, even if the earth shakes,  
and the mountains topple into the sea:

*All* **God will help at the break of day.**

Come now and look at the works of the Lord,  
the awesome things he has done on earth:

*All* **God will help at the break of day.**

Be still and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth:

*All* **God will help at the break of day.**

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

*All* **The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;  
God will help at the break of day.**

### First reading

Isaiah 42 v 1-9

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

### The Magnificat

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,**

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

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

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

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

(Luke 1.46-55)

*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.**

Second reading

Matthew 3 v 13-17

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

Nunc Dimmittis

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
**your word has been fulfilled.**

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation  
**which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

3 A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

(Luke 2.29-32)

*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.

Sermon - The Revd Robert Legge

### 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

### Prayers

#### *The Collect of the Day*

Heavenly Father  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All* Amen.

*Then we are led in further prayer*

*after each section:*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

*and at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do  
proceed;

give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that equally, our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,  
and also that, being defended from the fear of our enemies by you,  
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All** Amen.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray;

and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All** Amen.

Dismissal

We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love

and to reflect God's glory.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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