

KEP Online 17.01.2021 Evening Prayer

Preparation

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

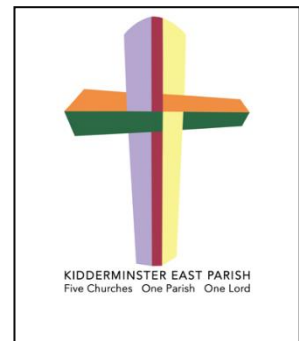
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
*All* **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

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* **Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
*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.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**All a light no darkness can quench.**

The shepherds kept watch by night  
**All and your glory shone around them.**

The darkness is not dark to you,  
**All the night is as bright as the day.**

Let your light scatter the darkness  
**All and fill your Church with your glory.**

### The Word of God

#### First reading

Psalm 96

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 8:5-13

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*

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.

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.

Gracious God,  
you have given us much today;  
grant us also a thankful spirit.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves  
and those we love.  
Stay with us,  
and when we take our rest  
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.

*All* Amen.

### Dismissal

To him who is able to keep you from falling  
and to present you without blemish  
before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,  
before all time and now and for ever.  
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you, now and always.

*All* Amen.

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

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