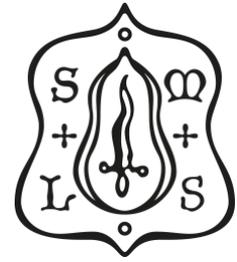


# St Mary le Strand

## Sung Evening Prayer

*Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022*



### Welcome

Please join in the words printed in **bold**.

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**All** O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

**All** They make known the glory of your kingdom.

### *this or another prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Now, as darkness is falling,  
wash away our transgressions,  
cleanse us by your refining fire  
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.  
By the light of Christ,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,  
where songs of praise for ever sound.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

### Hymn

For all the saints who showed your love  
in how they lived and where they moved,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
Whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,  
Who sang your songs and shared your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,  
and saw your kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

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Tune: O Waly Waly (English Traditional)

*This opening prayer may be said*

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.

**All Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Psalmody:* Psalm 118: 21-29

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing,  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
**Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
**link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God and I will thank you;  
**you are my God and I will exalt you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures for ever.**

**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.

### *Canticle: A Song of God's Assembled*

#### *Refrain:*

**All** We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

1 We have come before God's holy mountain, ♦  
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

- 2 We have come before countless angels making festival, ♦  
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.
- 3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, ♦  
before the spirits of the just made perfect.
- 4 We have come before Jesus, ♦  
the mediator of the new covenant.
- 5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: ♦  
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,
- 6 Full of reverence and awe; ♦  
for our God is a consuming fire.

*Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29*

**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.**

**All** **We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence and then the Responsory:*

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) is sung***

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
My spirit sings to God, my saving God,  
who on this day above all others favoured me  
and raised me up a light for all to see.**

**Through me great deeds will God make manifest,  
and all the earth will come to call me blest.  
Unbounded love and mercy sure will I proclaim  
for all who know and praise God's holy name.**

**God's mighty arm, protector of the just,  
will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.  
But mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt,  
the strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.**

**Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth  
be richly blest, be given greater worth,  
and Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,  
will live in peace throughout the promised land.**

**All glory be to God, Creator blest,  
to Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,  
and to the Holy Spirit, gentle Comforter,  
all glory be, both now and evermore.**

Words: based on Luke 1:46-55, paraphrased by Owen Alstott

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## **Prayers**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day*

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
each praying in our own language

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.**

**Hymn: How blest are those who know their need of God (Beatitudes)**

How blest are those who know their need of God,  
To them belongs the joy and hope of heaven.  
And blest are those who live in sorrow now,  
Comfort and consolation shall be given.

Blest are all those with gentleness of heart  
They shall receive the earth to call their own.  
And blest are those whom great compassion show,  
To them God's loving kindness will be shown.

How blest are those who long for life made new,  
They shall see justice and the world set right.  
Blest are all those whose hearts and minds are pure  
The vision of God's love will fill their sight.

All who make peace and friendship in each day  
Belong within the family of God.  
The Kingdom's blessings sent from heav'n above:  
Poured out on all who risk their lives for love.

'How blest are those who know their need of God'  
Matthew 5.3 (*New English Bible*)  
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## The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.



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