

Evening Prayer – 26th May 2020 The Feast of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

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O God, come to my aid.

– O Lord, make haste to help me.

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

– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 124 (125)

Ant 1: Peace be with you, it is I: do not be afraid. Alleluia

Those who trust in the Lord are like the mountain of Zion: it cannot be shaken, it will stand firm for ever.

Jerusalem – the mountains stand guard over it, and the Lord stands guard over his people, both now and for ever. The sceptre of the wicked shall not rest upon the inheritance of the just; lest the just themselves stretch out their hands and turn to wickedness.

Be good, O Lord, to the good and the upright of heart. As for those who turn away to crooked paths, the Lord shall treat them like the doers of evil. Peace be on Israel!

But, after all, man cannot redeem himself, he cannot ransom himself before God. The price of his soul's redemption is too great, he cannot pay it – the price of eternal death avoided. He will see that even the wise die; the foolish and the stupid too will perish, and their riches will pass to others.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant: Peace be with you, it is I: do not be afraid. Alleluia

Psalm 130 (131)

Ant. 2 O Israel, hope in the Lord. Alleluia.

Lord, I do not puff myself up or stare about, or walk among the great or seek wonders beyond me.

Truly calm and quiet I have made my spirit: quiet as a weaned child in its mother's arms – like an infant is my soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, now and for all time.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Ant. O Israel, hope in the Lord. Alleluia.

Canticle *Apocalypse 4,5*

Ant. 3 May your whole creation serve you, for you spoke and they came into being. Alleluia.

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honour and power. For you have created all things; by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord to receive the scroll and break open its seals. For you were slain; with your blood you purchased for God men from every race and tongue, of every people and nation. You made of them a kingdom, and priests to serve our God, and they shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and praise.

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as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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Our reading is taken from the First letter of St Peter 5:1-4

Now I have something to tell your elders: I am an elder myself, and a witness to the sufferings of Christ, and with you I have a share in the glory that is to be revealed. Be the shepherds of the flock of God that is entrusted to you: watch over it, not simply as a duty but gladly, because God wants it; not for sordid money, but because you are eager to do it. Never be a dictator over any group that is put in your charge, but be an example that the whole flock can follow. When the chief shepherd appears, you will be given the crown of unfading glory.

RESPONSORY

This is a man who loves his brothers and sisters and intercedes for the people. Alleluia, alleluia.

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He laid down his life for his brothers and sisters

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Canticle Magnificat

Ant. I made myself all things to all people in order to save them all. Alleluia.

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

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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

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

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INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to Christ, the high priest, who was appointed to represent us in our relations with God. (our response is) Lord, save your people.... **Lord, save your people.**

Lord Jesus, in times past you have lighted the way for your people through wise and holy leaders; may Christians always enjoy this sign of your loving kindness. Lord, save your people.

You forgave the sins of your people when holy pastors prayed; continually cleanse your Church through their powerful intercession. **Lord, save your people.**

In the presence of their brothers, you anointed your holy ones and poured on them your Spirit; fill with your Holy Spirit all the leaders of your people. Lord, save your people.

Nothing could ever separate the holy pastors from your love; do not lose even one of those whom you redeemed by your passion. **Lord, save your people.**

Through the pastors of your Church you give your sheep eternal life, and no one can steal them from you; save the faithful departed, for whom you laid down your life. Lord, save your people.

For a moment in silence we bring our own prayers...

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven,....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father, you are continually raising to the glory of holiness those who serve you faithfully. In your love, hear our prayer: let the Holy Spirit inflame us with that fire with which, in so admirable a way, he took possession of Saint Philip's heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Corona Virus Prayer

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Blessing

May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.