**Evensong, Sunday 19 September 2021**

Welcome to this service of Evensong for today the 16th Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord open thou our lips

*and our mouth shall show forth thy praise*

O God + make speed to save us

*O Lord make haste to help us*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning…AMEN*

Praise ye the Lord.

*the Lord’s name be praised.*

**Office Hymn - Eternal Father, strong to save – 354**

**Psalm 119. 137-144**

137Righteous are you, O Lord,  
    and right are your rules.  
138You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness  
    and in all faithfulness.  
139My zeal consumes me,  
    because my foes forget your words.  
140Your promise is well tried,  
    and your servant loves it.  
141I am small and despised,  
    yet I do not forget your precepts.  
142Your righteousness is righteous forever,  
    and your law is true.  
143Trouble and anguish have found me out,  
    but your commandments are my delight.  
144Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
    give me understanding that I may live.

**Office Hymn - Eternal Father, strong to save – 354**

**OT Lesson Exodus 19.10-end**

10the Lord said to Moses: “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes 11and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. 13No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows;[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2019&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-2040a)] whether animal or human being, they shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” 14So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. 15And he said to the people, “Prepare for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

16On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. 18Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. 19As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. 20When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people not to break through to the Lord to look; otherwise many of them will perish. 22Even the priests who approach the Lord must consecrate themselves or the Lord will break out against them.” 23Moses said to the Lord, “The people are not permitted to come up to Mount Sinai; for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and keep it holy.’” 24The Lord said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let either the priests or the people break through to come up to the Lord; otherwise he will break out against them.” 25So Moses went down to the people and told them.

**Magnificat**

My soul + doth magnify the Lord :

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :

the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. **GLORIA**

**The Second Lesson Matthew 8.23-end**

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” 26 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. 27 They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

28 When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%208&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-23374e)] two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” 30 Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. 31 The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” 32 And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. 33 The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. 34 Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood.

**Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :

thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel. **GLORIA.**

**The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body, +  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**2nd Versicles and Responses**

The Lord be with you.

*And with Thy Spirit.*

Let us pray

*Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father…… from evil. AMEN..*

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**Collect of the Day**

O Lord, from whom all good things come:

grant to us your humble servants,

that by your holy inspiration

we may think those things that are good,

and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**2nd Collect**

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

Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give,

that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments,

and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies*,* may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**

**3rd Collect**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee O Lord and by thy great goodness defend us from the perils and danger of this night, for the sake of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

**Anthem – Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley**

**Sermon**

**Hymn - Be still my soul (sheet)**

**Prayers and Grace**

**Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation – 440**

**Final Prayer**