

The Lion, the Lamb, and the Scroll -19th November 2020

The Greeting

Learder The Lord be with you. **R1** **And also with you**

Learder. O God, make speed to save us.

R2 **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader Your faithful servants bless you.

R1 **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Leader That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

R2 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.

Psalm 149 *Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.*

R1 O sing to the Lord a new song; ♦

R2. **sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

R1. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ♦

R2. **Let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

R1. Let them praise his name in the dance; ♦

R2. **Let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.**

R1 For the Lord has pleasure in his people ♦

R2 **And adorns the poor with salvation.**

R1. Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ♦

R2 **Let them rejoice in their ranks,**

Alleluia.

Leader Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Glorious and redeeming God,
give us hearts to praise you all our days
and wills to reject the world's deceits,
that we may bind the evils of our age
and proclaim the good news of salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader 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.**

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This evening Reading.

Revelation 5:1-10 (nrsv). **The Scroll and the Lamb**

Reader 1. Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.

This is the Word of the Lord **R2. Thanks be to God**

Reflection.

Leader, let us pray

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit,
looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.
That with the noble fellowship of the prophets
we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst,
we pray to you, O Lord:

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R2. Heavenly Father,
thank You for sending Your Son to come to earth as the sinless Son of Man –
the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
for paying the price of our Sin and the sin of the whole world,
through the shedding of His life on Calvary cross

R1. May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour.

R2. God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.
Amen

Leader. That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with St Matthew and all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: **OUR FATHER** .. (The Lord's Prayer is Said)

Notices

Blessing. Leader

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us, wherever He may send us.
May He guide us through the wilderness, protect us through the storm.
May He bring us home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown us. Amen.

The Conclusion Leader

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Leader. Let us bless the Lord.

R2. Thanks be to God.

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