

Welcome to our Worship on Sunday 18th October.

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- 4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy; all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy; though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity!,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Confession and Absolution.

**Lord, our Holy God,
In our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like the morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
Bind up our wounds and revive us
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Collect for the 18th of October

Faithful God whose steadfast love never ceases, and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Purify my heart,

Let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart,

Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire

Is to be... holy; Set apart for You, Lord.

*I choose to be holy; Set apart for You my Master, Ready to do
Your will.*

Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire..... x 2

St Matthew 22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax^[a] to Caesar or not?'

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, 'Whose picture is this? And whose inscription?'

²¹ 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away

Homily

Prayers

God's Blessing

O God, you search me and you know me.

All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.

When I walk or lie down, you are before me,

Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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