

Church House, Salisbury Staff Prayers, 17th July 2013

Today's prayers are a modified form of the monastic office of Terce, which is said around 9 a.m. Uniquely, this brief Office does not use a canticle. The office hymn will be being said or sung in variety of languages in monasteries and convents around the world. The Psalm and Collect are from the Book of Common Prayer and the Scripture reading from the Authorised Version.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 Spirit.

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

Hymn (said or sung together)

Come, Holy Spirit, who ever one
Art with the Father and the Son.
It is the hour: our souls possess
With thy full flood of holiness.

Let flesh, and heart, and lips, and mind
Sound forth our witness to mankind,
And love light up our mortal frame
Till others catch the living flame.

Grant this, O Father, ever one
With Christ thy sole-begotten Son,
And Holy Ghost, whom all adore,
Reigning and blest for evermore.

Psalm 87 (from the Book of Common Prayer, for the morning of the 17th)

We say the psalm in alternate verses, men saying odd numbered verses, women saying even numbered verses and leading the Gloria, men responding to conclude the Gloria.

Fundamenta ejus

1 HER foundations are upon the holy hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee : thou city of God.

3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon : with them that know me

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4 Behold ye the Philistines also : and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her : and the most High shall stablish her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people : that he was born there.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse : All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end, Amen.

Short Reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Authorised Version)

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Time For Prayer and Musical Meditation

The music is *Spiegel im Spiegel* by Arvo Pärt.

Conclusion

Let all who seek you rejoice in you.

Let them say always, "Great is the Lord."

Collect of the Day (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

May the Lord grant us his grace and guidance as we seek to do his will in our working lives, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, remain with us, this beautiful morning and always. **Amen.**