

Hymn

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

Repeated x2

Psalm 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦
and speak of your mighty power,
- 12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦

and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.

21 The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live will I praise the Lord; ♦
as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power, ♦
for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ♦
on that day all their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them; ♦
who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦
and bread to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦
the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

Glory to...

18/10 Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 55

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love
for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for
the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do
not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the
Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,
says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not
return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth
and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return
to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed
in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the
trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier
shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

18/10 Morning Prayer Second Reading Luke 1.1–4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the
events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on
to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants
of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from
the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent
Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things
about which you have been instructed.

18/10 Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.