Morning Prayer

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

**Introduction Please Stand**

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us*.***

(*Sign of the Cross)*

**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 Christ Be Beside Me**

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,

Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me,

Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,

Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,

In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

**Words of Introduction**

**Psalmody** Please *Sit*

***Antiphon 1 Psalm* 84 (85)**

**Leader*: Lord, you blessed your land; you forgave the guilt of your people.***

O Lord, you once favoured your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob,

you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage,

you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper!

Put an end to your grievance against us.

Will you be angry with us forever,

Will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life

that your people may rejoice in you?

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people and his friends and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him and

his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

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.

**All: Lord, you blessed your land; you forgave the guilt of your people.**

*Silence*

***Antiphon 2* Psalm 66**

**Leader*: Lord, let your face shed***

***its light upon us.***

O God, be gracious and bless us

let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult

for you rule the world with justice

With fairness you rule the peoples,

You guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its fruit

for God, our God, has blessed us.

May God still give us his blessing

Till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

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.

**All: Lord, let your face shed its light upon us.**

*Silence*

**short Reading 1 John 4: 11-15**

*In silence we ponder and pray on God’s Word*

**Short Responsory**

Leader: My helper is my God;

I will place my trust in him.

**All:** **My helper is my God;**

**I will place my trust in him.**

Leader: He is my refuge; he sets me free.

**All:** **My helper is my God;**

**I will place my trust in him.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **My helper is my God;**

**I will place my trust in him.**

**Gospel Canticle**  **Please Stand**

*Antiphon:* **Benedictus**

**Leader*: The Lord has raised up a mighty saviour for us, as he promised through the lips of his prophets.***

Now bless the God of Israel (*Sign of the Cross)*,

who comes in love and pow’r,

who raises from the royal house

deliv’rance in this hour.

Through holy prophets God has sworn

to free us from alarm,

to save us from the heavy hand

of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant,

God rescues us from fear,

that we might serve in holiness

and peace from year to year.

And you, my child, shall go before

to preach to prophesy,

that all may know the tender love,

the grace of God most high.

tender mercy, God will send

the dayspring from on high,

our rising sun, the light of life

for those who sit and sigh.

God comes to guide our way to peace

that death shall reign no more,

sing praises to the Holy One!

O worship and adore!

**All: The Lord has raised up a mighty saviour for us, as he promised through the lips of his prophets**

**Intercessions**

**Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer for our Diocese**

Lord,

bless the faith community of Kildare &

Leighlin which traces its origins to

Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity

as St. Brigid of Kildare,

may it be constant in faith

as St. Conleth of Old Connell,

wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its Bishop, priests, religious & laity.

Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people.

Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life’s hurts.

Grant them justice, light and hope.

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Amen.

**Concluding Verse**

***Leader:*** *The Lord bless us,* (*Sign of the Cross)*

*and keep us from all evil,*

*and bring us to everlasting life.*

**All: Amen**