

14th December 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

Hymn 238

New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.



Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble 1792-1866

Psalm 68.1-19 (pg 426)

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

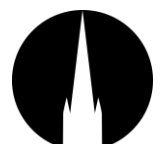
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.

He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

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9.30am Choral Mattins
Hymns and Readings Sheet
St Mary Redcliffe with Temple,
Bristol and St John the Baptist, Bedminster

O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;

The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

The Lord gave the word : great was the company of the preachers.

Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited : and they of the household divided the spoil.

Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove : that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake : then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

As the hill of Basan, so is God's hill : even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell : yea, the Lord will abide in it for ever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels : and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

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Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men : yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Praised be the Lord daily : even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

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I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Collect

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare

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and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the
disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming
to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy
sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Amen

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