

*Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's Church, Coniston*

*Thursday, 23 July 2020*

*[Bridget of Sweden](#), Abbess of Vadstena, 1373 [Commemoration]*

## **Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

***Hymn: 683 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

[https://youtu.be/vJwft3SY\\_PU](https://youtu.be/vJwft3SY_PU)

***Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.***

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, •  
**in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.**

2 The works of the Lord are great, •  
**sought out by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and honour •  
**and his righteousness endures for ever.**

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; •  
**the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gave food to those who feared him; •  
**he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

6 He showed his people the power of his works •  
**in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; •  
**all his commandments are sure.**

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; •  
**they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; •  
**holy and awesome is his name.**

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
a good understanding have those who live by it; •  
**his praise endures for ever.**

***Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.***

***Gracious God, you are full of compassion;  
may we who long for your kingdom to come  
rejoice to do your will  
and acknowledge your power alone to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

***Hymn: Jesus***

**<https://youtu.be/cEbQswNB6Wc>**

***Reading, Revelation from St Bridget of Sweden, Chapter 30, par 1, 5;***

"I am the God who created all things for the benefit of man in order that all things should serve and help him. But mankind misuses all the things I created for his benefit unto his own damnation, and he cares less about God and loves him less than the created world. The Jews prepared three kinds of torture tools for my suffering: First, the wood on which I, scourged and crowned, was crucified. Second, the iron by which they pierced through my hands and feet. Third, the gall that they gave me to drink. Thereafter, they insulted me calling me a fool because of the death I gladly endured, and they called me a liar because of my teachings. Such men are now many in the world and there are very few who console me.

There should be three things in the heart where I live: First, there should be a bed where we may rest. Second, there should be a seat where we may sit. Third, there should be a lamp that gives us light. In your heart there should be a bed to rest in so that you can rest from evil thoughts and worldly desires and always remember and contemplate the joy of eternity. The seat should be your will of staying close to me, even if it sometimes happens that you have to go out. For it is against nature to be always standing or sitting. But the one who is always standing is the one who always has the will of being with the world and never to sit with me. The light shall be the faith by which you believe that I am able to do all things and am almighty over all things."

***Hymn: 1031 – Befriended***

**<https://youtu.be/Hd0uLEwwWbk>**

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.

**And afterwards receive me with glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Prayers**

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,  
**for the night is far spent.**

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
**for the day is at hand.**

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and make no provision for the flesh,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker  
and Redeemer.

**That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the  
Lord**

*silence*

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,

**let us pray to the Lord**

*silence*

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
**let us pray to the Lord**

*silence*

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have  
fallen,

**let us pray to the Lord**

*silence*

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,

**let us pray to the Lord**

*silence*

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world,

**let us pray to the Lord**

*silence*

Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

### ***The Collect of the day***

O God, by whose grace your servant Brigitta of Sweden, kindled with the flame of your love, became a burning and a shining light in your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

***Hymn: 579 - Restore, O Lord***

<https://youtu.be/JzqfYaxDE8I>

### **The Conclusion**

#### **Blessing**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and restore me  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**