

# **HYMN, READING AND COLLECT FOR COMPLINE**

**SUNDAY 28 July 2024**

## **HYMN**

**We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
that every child of earth  
should live and grow in freedom's ways,  
in dignity and worth.**

**2 We praise for such a task begun  
to serve each other's need,  
for every cause of justice won,  
for every fetter freed.**

**3 Our prayers are for a world in pain  
where force and fear prevail,  
the plough becomes the sword again,  
and hope and harvests fail.**

**4 Alike our prayer and praise express  
the wants of humankind,  
that those in bondage and distress  
their larger freedoms find.**

**5 So may we still maintain the fight  
till earth's oppressions cease  
before the universal right  
to liberty and peace.**

**6 In Christ we learn to love and care  
and spread his truth abroad;  
and in his Name we lift our prayer:  
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'**

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## READING

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## COLLECT

Almighty God,

who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love and joy and peace;

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. Amen.