

## Saturday Prayers

Week-end of February 4th – 5th 2017

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John

8. 12

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation marching to the Promised Land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light, trusting  
God we march together stepping fearless through the night.  
Soon shall come the great awakening, soon the rending of the tomb;  
then the ending of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.  
(From the hymn by Bernard Severin Ingemann)

In the midst of the troubled times in which we live, experiencing the uncertainty, discouragement and turmoil of the world, we pray to you Lord, for that peace which is beyond our understanding. Walk with us Lord, for the journey is great and the burdens difficult to carry. We pray for all Nations there leaders, and peoples, that we may live together in peace and harmony. Guide those who are in positions of leadership that they may make wise decisions for the good of all people. Be the strength within each one of us that we may fulfill our role in life and contribute to the well being of all. Help us to see beyond this present moment and build the City of our God on earth as it is in heaven. In  
Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes unto the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot to be moved: and he who watches you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord

himself watches over you: the Lord is your shade at your right hand; So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall

preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for

evermore. 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.

Blessings. nnDnn Archdeacon Ron Matthewman, OSMTH –I Chaplain