

## Daily Evening Prayer:

### Rite One

*Friday, March 5, 2021*

#### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

#### **Psalm 73** *Quam bonus Israel!*

- 1 Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;
- 3 Because I envied the proud \*  
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:
- 4 For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;
- 5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;
- 6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

- 7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
- 8 They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.
- 10 And so the people turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.
- 11 They say, "How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
- 13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.
- 15 Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;
- 17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.
- 18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  
you cast them down in ruin.
- 19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!

- 20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
- 21 When my mind became embittered, \*  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- 22 I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.
- 23 Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.
- 24 You will guide me by your counsel, \*  
and afterwards receive me with glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
- 26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- 28 But it is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.
- 29 I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah  
*Chapter 5 verses 1 through 9*

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth; that I may pardon her. Though they say, "As the LORD lives," yet they swear falsely. O LORD, do not thy eyes look for truth? Thou hast smitten them, but they felt no anguish; thou hast consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock;

they have refused to repent. Then I said, “These are only the poor, they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the LORD, the law of their God. I will go to the great, and will speak to them; for they know the way of the LORD, the law of their God.” But they all alike had broken the yoke, they had burst the bonds. Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them, a wolf from the desert shall destroy them. A leopard is watching against their cities, every one who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great. “How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of harlots. They were well-fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor’s wife. Shall I not punish them for these things? says the LORD; and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?

*Officiant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Mary**    *Magnificat*  
*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Gospel of John

*Chapter 5 verses 30 through 47*

“I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. If I bear witness to myself, my testimony is not true; there is another who bears witness to me, and I know that the testimony which he bears to me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Not that the testimony which I receive is from man; but I say this that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness to me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen; and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know that you have not the love of God within you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; it is Moses who accuses you, on whom you set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

*Officiant*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Simeon**    *Nunc dimittis*  
*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
    according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
    which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
    and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.

## Suffrages B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and  
goodwill,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole  
world,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and  
not be condemned before the great judgment seat  
of Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in  
the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious  
to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them  
again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and  
hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ  
thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and  
reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ on p. 70

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day  
is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and  
awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in  
Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake  
of thy love. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission on p. 70

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:  
Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee,  
all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women every-  
where love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Unity of the Human Family

O God, thou hast made us in thine own image and redeemed us  
through thy Son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace  
seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy  
and unjust divisions; look with compassion on the whole human  
family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;  
break down the walls that separate us; and work through our struggles  
and confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that we may be

united in one holy bond of truth, and justice, peace, and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Officiant then bids personal prayers. After a moment of silence:*

*Officiant* Lord in thy mercy  
*All* Hear our prayer.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely  
more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from  
generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*