

Daily Evening Prayer:

Rite One

Thursday, March 18, 2021

The Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 22 verses 13 through 23

“Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing, and does not give him his wages; who

says, 'I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,' and cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the LORD. But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence." Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah, king of Judah: "They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah my brother!' or 'Ah sister!' They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah lord!' or 'Ah his majesty!' With the burial of an ass he shall be buried, dragged and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem." "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, and lift up your voice in Bashan; cry from Ab'arim, for all your lovers are destroyed. I spoke to you in your prosperity, but you said, 'I will not listen.' This has been your way from your youth, that you have not obeyed my voice. The wind shall shepherd all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; then you will be ashamed and confounded because of all your wickedness. O inhabitant of Lebanon, nested among the cedars, how you will groan when pangs come upon you, pain as of a woman in travail!"

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, *

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

Strengthen, O Lord, we beseech thee, the bishops of thy
Church in their special calling to be teachers and ministers of
the Sacraments, that they, like thy servant Cyril of Jerusalem,
may effectively instruct thy people in Christian faith and
practice; and that we, taught by them, may enter more fully
into the celebration of the Paschal mystery; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*