

## Daily Evening Prayer: Rite One

*Saturday, December 26, 2020*

*The Second Day of Christmas*

*The Feast of St. Stephen*

### 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. Alleluia.

### **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.

### **Psalms 118** *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 5 I called to the LORD in my distress; \*  
the LORD answered by setting me free.

- 6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  
what can anyone do to me?
- 7 The LORD is at my side to help me; \*  
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
than to put any trust in flesh.
- 9 It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
than to put any trust in rulers.
- 10 All the ungodly encompass me; \*  
in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 12 They swarm about me like bees;  
they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
but the LORD came to my help.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures 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.*

## The Lessons

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Book of Wisdom  
*Chapter 4 verses 7 through 15*

But the righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, nor measured by number of years; but understanding is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. There was one who pleased God and was loved by him, and while living among sinners he was taken up. He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, nor take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

*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 Book of Acts  
                         *Chapter 7 verse 59 through Chapter 8 verse 8*

And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting to his death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samar'ia, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to a city of Samar'ia, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

*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

We give thee thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the  
first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed  
for his persecutors to thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at  
thy right hand; where he liveth and reigneth with thee and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays on p. 69

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending  
day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee,  
our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may  
give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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*