

## Daily Evening Prayer:

### Rite One

*Thursday, February 4, 2021*

*The Feast of Cornelius the Centurion*

### 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 74** *Ut quid, Deus?*

- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,  
and Mount Zion where you dwell.
- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets  
and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your holy place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  
and razed it to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God  
in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?
- 10 Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.
- 12 You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  
you established the moon and the sun.

- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.
- 17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish people despised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

*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 Isaiah  
*Chapter 55 verses 1 through 13*

“Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Harken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while he

may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.”

*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 Mark  
                         *Chapter 8 verse 27 through Chapter 9 verse 1*

And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

*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, who by thy Spirit didst call Cornelius the Centurion to be the first Christian among the Gentiles: Grant to thy Church, we beseech thee, such a ready will to go where thou dost send and to do what thou dost command, that under thy guidance it may welcome all who turn to thee in love and faith, and proclaim the Gospel to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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 everywhere 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.*