

# Evening Prayer Tuesday

## May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**We pray slowly. If others are still on a line and you have finished it, wait until everyone has finished that line and we start the next line.**

### Introductory Scripture:

**Leader** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

*Gets NO amen!*

### Confession:

**Leader or Priest** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**ALL** **(slowly, pause at end of each line and wait till next line starts)**

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.*

**Leader or Priest** Almighty God have mercy on you(*us*), forgive you(*us*) all your(*our*) sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you(*us*) in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you(*us*) in eternal life. *Amen.*

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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

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

**ALL** **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 ever-living 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 your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are 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 146**    *Lauda, anima mea*

*responsively by ½ verse*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

**Psalm 147**    *Laudate Dominum*

*responsively by ½ verse*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

*Read slowly, pause at end of each line, and wait till next line starts*

**ALL**            **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.**

**First Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**

*Luke 1:39-46*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

**Second Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**

*Luke 1:46b-55*

46b            "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47                            and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48            for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
                          Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
49            for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
                          and holy is his Name.  
50            indeed, his mercy on those who fear him  
                          from generation to generation.  
51            He has shown the strength with his arm,  
                          he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
52            He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
                          and lifted up the lowly;  
53            he has filled the hungry with good things,  
                          and sent the rich away empty.  
54            He has come to the aid of his child Israel,

55 in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

**Third Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**

*Luke 1:56-57*

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**Leader** Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**ALL** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers**

**Men:** The Lord be with you.

**Women:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**ALL**

*Read slowly, pause at end of each line, and wait till next line starts*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us. 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 A**

**Women** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**Men** And grant us your salvation.  
**Women** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Men** Let your people sing with joy.  
**Women** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**Men** For only in you can we live in safety.  
**Women** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**Men** And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
**Women** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Men** Your saving health among all nations.  
**Women** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Men** Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**Women** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**Men** And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

*A Collect for The Visitation*

**Leader or** Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in  
**Alternate** bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the  
exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to our will; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

**Leader or** Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your  
**Alternate** wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your  
dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. *Amen*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

**Leader or** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils  
**Alternate** and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

*For the Human Family*

**Leader or** O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:  
**Alternate** 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; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Prayer for All Disease in the World*

**Leader or** Lord, God you sent your Son Jesus to bring healing to the world. Help us overcome the  
**Alternate** diseases in the world. Provide wisdom to doctors, understanding to scientists, compassion to caregivers, generosity to those in need, healing to those who are ill, protection to those at risk, comfort to those who have lost a loved one, and welcome into your eternal home for those who have died. May we all move forward in love and compassion through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Silence, free intercessions, and thanksgivings may be offered.*

**leader** Dear God, who sent Jesus to heal us and grant eternal life, please grant our petitions and accept our thanks in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Prayers for Mission*

**ALL** **Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

**Song of Simeon with Antiphon**

**Men** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Assigned** Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**ALL**

*Read slowly, pause at end of each line, and wait till next line starts*

**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.**

**Women**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Leader**

Let us bless the Lord.

**ALL**

Thanks be to God.

**Leader**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*