

# Evening Prayer Tuesday

## December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Festival of Lights After the Third Week in Advent

*Traditionally this begins in darkness. Online – Turn off your video and mute temporarily. When the service is shared on the screen all should re-enable their video and unmute.*

**Leader** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Leader** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

*Prayer of Light*

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect (for Advent)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**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.

**Psalms 47**    *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

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- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
**he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
**the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
**in the city of our God is his holy hill.**
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
**the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*  
**he is known to be her sure refuge.**
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
**and marched forward together.**
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
**they retreated and fled in terror.**
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
**God has established her for ever.**
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
**in the midst of your temple.**
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
**your right hand is full of justice.**
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments.**
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
**count the number of her towers.**
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
**that you may tell those who come after.**
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

**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

22:54-69

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it who struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:            Thanks be to God**

## The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Said by All if not song:**

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**

**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** 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **An Advent Prayer**

**Men** In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,  
**Women** that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.  
**Men** In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,  
**Women** that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.  
**Men** In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,  
**Women** that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.  
**Leader** God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, our God of hope.

**ALL** **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.*

#### *Collect for the Third Week of Advent*

**Leader or Alternate** Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

*A Collect for Peace*

**Leader or Alternate** O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

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