

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
16<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost (Proper 19)



## 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*

## Confession:

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

**ALL** **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**

*As Darkness Falls*

**Assigned** As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All** **Blessed be God forever**

**Assigned** That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind. As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

**Psalm 68 1-20, 24-26** *Exsurgat Deus*

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- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup> Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- <sup>5</sup> Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- <sup>6</sup> God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup> The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 11 The Lord gave the word; \*  
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:
- 12 "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  
the women at home are dividing the spoils."
- 13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
- 15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!
- 16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  
truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; \*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
- 18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  
that the LORD God might dwell among them.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.
- 20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  
God is the LORD, by whom we escape death
- 24 They see your procession, O God, \*  
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

- 25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.
- 26 Bless God in the congregation; \*  
bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; \*  
and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.
- 28 Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.
- 29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.
- 30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  
and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.
- 31 Trample down those who lust after silver; \*  
scatter the peoples that delight in war.
- 32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

**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.**

**Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew**

4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:            Thanks be to God**

**The Song of Mary**

*If not sung solo or said in rotation and unison at end*

- 1 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.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

9 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**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.**

### **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**

**V** (*odd*) The Lord be with you.

**R** (*even*) And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

1        In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
2        For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety  
3        Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
4        for the night is at hand and the day is now past.  
5        As the night watch looks for the morning,  
6        so do we look for you, O Christ.  
7        Come with the dawning of the day  
8        and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.  
**ALL        Amen**

*Intercessions, and thanksgiving may be offered.*

**Leader**        May God the Father bless, God the Son heal, and God the Holy Spirit give strength to body and soul for you and all those who are afflicted in anyway. May God the holy and undivided Trinity save and bring safely to his heavenly country all those who have died. **Amen.**

*A Collect for 16<sup>th</sup> Week After Epiphany (Proper 19)*

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**Leader or**        O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant  
**Alternate**        that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Night*

**Leader or**        Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your  
**Alternate**        celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for this Night*

**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.**

*Father, We Thank Thee*

**Leader or**     Father, we thank thee for the night,

**Alternate**     And for the pleasant morning light;

For rest and food and loving care,

And all that makes the day so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,

To be to others kind and good;

In all we do, in work or play,

To grow more loving every day.

-- Rebecca Weston - 1890

**ALL**            **Amen.**

**Song of Simeon with Antiphon**

**V (odd)**        Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

**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.**

**R (even)**        Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.



**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*