

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
18th Week After Pentecost (Proper 21)



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 94 *Deus ultionum*

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- ¹ O LORD God of vengeance, *
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
- ² Rise up, O Judge of the world; *
give the arrogant their just deserts.
- ³ How long shall the wicked, O LORD, *
how long shall the wicked triumph?
- ⁴ They bluster in their insolence; *
all evildoers are full of boasting.
- ⁵ They crush your people, O LORD, *
and afflict your chosen nation.
- ⁶ They murder the widow and the stranger *
and put the orphans to death.
- ⁷ Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, *
the God of Jacob takes no notice."
- ⁸ Consider well, you dullards among the people; *
when will you fools understand?

- 9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? *
he that formed the eye, does he not see?
- 10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? *
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?
- 11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; *
how like a puff of wind they are.
- 12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! *
whom you teach out of your law;
- 13 To give them rest in evil days, *
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgment will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.
- 16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? *
who took my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the LORD had not come to my help, *
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- 18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," *
your love, O LORD, upheld me.
- 19 When many cares fill my mind, *
your consolations cheer my soul.
- 20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, *
one which frames evil into law?
- 21 They conspire against the life of the just *
and condemn the innocent to death.
- 22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, *
and my God the rock of my trust.

²³ He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; *
the LORD our God will destroy them.

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

7 1-12

[Jesus said,] “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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.

Collect for Peace

Leader or Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just

Alternate works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so
that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being
delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness;
through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

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.**

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.**

Leader or O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

Alternate Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for All People

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.*

A Prayer for the Night

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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.*

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*