

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 13th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the Last Sunday after Epiphany



Preface

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*

Assigned 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 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.

- 1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
 there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 He flatters himself in his own eyes *
 that his hateful sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
 he has left off acting wisely and doing good.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; *
 he does not abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
 you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
 your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
 you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
 and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
 and your favor to those who are true of heart.

- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.
- 12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 39 *Dixi, Custodiam*

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- 1 I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.
- 2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.
- 4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *
I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.
- 6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.
- 7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.
- 8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.
- 9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.
- 10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.
- 11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.
- 14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.

**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 Letter to the Philippians

3:1-11

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

This is Word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary

In Rotation

- 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,
- 10 The promise he made to our fathers, *
To Abraham and his children forever.

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

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Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And Also with you.**

Leader Let Us Pray.

ALL **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*

The Prayers

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¹ That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

ALL ***We entreat you, O Lord.***

² That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

ALL ***We entreat you, O Lord.***

³ That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

ALL ***We entreat you, O Lord.***

⁴ That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

ALL ***We entreat you, O Lord.***

5 That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

ALL *We entreat you, O Lord.*

6 That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

ALL *We entreat you, O Lord.*

A Collect for the Last Week after Epiphany

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Leader or O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon

Alternate the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Absalom Jones

Leader or Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that,

Alternate honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace in the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza Wars

Leader or God, you know our hearts and minds and our yearning to bring up our families in

Alternate peace. May your Spirit work among us so that those mediating for a solution to the ongoing violence in Ukraine and the cease fire of the Israeli war on Gaza will prevail; that both sides in the conflicts be listened to, that they agree to conditions for peace and lay down their weapons; and that we, the global community, support them to rebuild their lives, homes and livelihoods. May we hold as inviolable that the price of war in death, grief, trauma, destruction and

misery is too high; and guide us to choose wise and competent leaders in every nation. *Amen*

- *Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine*

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.*

Prayer of God's Mercy and Comfort

Leader or Alternate Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised. *Amen.*

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ALL **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.**

ALL **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*