

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



## Preface

Chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

## 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.**

**O Gracious Light**    *Phos hilaron*

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**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.

**Psalm 36**    *Dixit injustus*

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- 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 36** *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.**

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.**

3:7-12

But John he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is Word of the Lord.

**ALL Thanks be to God**

**The Song of Mary**

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- 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.

- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
8 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**

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**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      Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**ALL**    ***And grant us your salvation.***  
2      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**ALL**    ***Let your people sing with joy.***  
3      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**ALL**    ***For only in you can we live in safety.***  
4      Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**ALL**    ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***  
5      Let your way be known upon earth;  
**ALL**    ***Your saving health among all nations.***  
6      Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**ALL**    ***We entreat you, O Lord.***  
7      Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**ALL**    ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

**Leader or** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of  
**Alternate** bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

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**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. *Amen*

*A Prayer for Mission*

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O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

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**Leader or** Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
**Alternate** we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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**Leader** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Leader** Let us bless the Lord.

**ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

**Lader** Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20,21*