

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the 4<sup>th</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 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.

**Psalm 48** *Magnus Dominus*

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- 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.**

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

5:11-16

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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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- <sup>1</sup> Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**ALL** *And grant us your salvation.*
- <sup>2</sup> Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**ALL** *Let your people sing with joy.*
- <sup>3</sup> Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**ALL** *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- <sup>4</sup> Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**ALL** *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- <sup>5</sup> Let your way be known upon earth;  
**ALL** *Your saving health among all nations.*
- <sup>6</sup> Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**ALL** *We entreat you, O Lord.*
- <sup>7</sup> Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**ALL** *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

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**Leader or** O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when  
**Alternate** we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow  
where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for  
ever and 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*