

# Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday after the 6<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 78 Part II**    *Quoties exacerbaverunt*

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- 40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness \*  
                  and offended him in the desert!
- 41 Again and again they tempted God \*  
                  and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
- 42 They did not remember his power \*  
                  in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;
- 43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt \*  
                  and his omens in the field of Zoan.
- 44 He turned their rivers into blood, \*  
                  so that they could not drink of their streams.
- 45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, \*  
                  and frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, \*  
                  the fruit of their toil to the locust.
- 47 He killed their vines with hail \*  
                  and their sycamores with frost.
- 48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones \*  
                  and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

- 49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: \*  
fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.
- 50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did not spare their souls from death; \*  
but delivered their lives to the plague.
- 51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
- 52 He led out his people like sheep \*  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; \*  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 He brought them to his holy land, \*  
the mountain his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites before them  
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; \*  
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, \*  
and did not keep his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; \*  
they were undependable like a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him with their hill-altars \*  
they provoked his displeasure with their idols.
- 59 When God heard this, he was angry \*  
and utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, \*  
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.
- 61 He delivered the ark into captivity, \*  
his glory into the adversary's hand.
- 62 He gave his people to the sword \*  
and was angered against his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men; \*  
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, \*  
and their widows made no lamentation.

- 65 Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, \*  
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies on the backside \*  
and put them to perpetual shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph \*  
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah \*  
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, \*  
like the earth which he founded for ever.
- 70 He chose David his servant, \*  
and took him away from the sheepfolds.
- 71 He brought him from following the ewes, \*  
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people  
and over Israel his inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart \*  
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

**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.**

*13:18-23*

Jesus said, ““Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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.*

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.*

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**Leader or** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass  
**Alternate** our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving  
 you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all  
 that we can desire; 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 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.*



**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*