

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday following the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



## 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. *BCP page 116*

**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

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**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.*

**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 10** *Ut quid, Domine?*

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- 1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD, \*  
and hide yourself in time of trouble?
- 2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, \*  
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.
- 3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse and revile the LORD.
- 4 The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is, "God does not matter."
- 5 Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.
- 6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."
- 7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.
- 8 They lurk in ambush in public squares  
and in secret places they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.
- 9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.
- 10 The innocent are broken and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.

- 11 They say in their heart, "God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice."
- 12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?
- 14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it and take it into your own hand.
- 15 The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.
- 16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness until you find none.
- 17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish from his land.
- 18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;
- 19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, \*  
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

**Psalm 11** *Qui confidunt*

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- 1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me, "Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;
- 2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.
- 3 When the foundations are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?"
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; \*  
the LORD'S throne is in heaven.
- 5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.
- 6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, \*  
but those who delight in violence he abhors.
- 7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.

- 8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; \*  
and the just shall see his face.

**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 of Matthew**

*23:13-26*

Jesus said "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the sanctuary is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by the oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'Whoever swears by the altar is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is on the altar is bound by the oath.' How blind you are! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So whoever swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it; and whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by the one who is seated upon it. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.

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> Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**ALL** *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

<sup>7</sup> Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**ALL** *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

*Collect for the Day*

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**Leader or** O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our

**Alternate** neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 the Presence of Christ*

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**Leader or** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our

**Alternate** companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen*

*Adoration and a Prayer for Love and Peace*

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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** Lord, we have voiced our blessings and our concerns to you. We look to you to provide fertile ground for our prayers, and we trust the promises of your word to stir our faith. *Amen.*

*Prayer for This Night*

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**Assigned** O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that

we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. *Amen.*

*From Compline*

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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*