

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday following the 8th Sunday after Pentecost



Preface

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

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 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 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.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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 Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
ALL *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

7 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant
Alternate that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may
 have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

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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 Companionship and Graced

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O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon
 us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace
 may increase among us; 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