

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday after the 20th Sunday of Pentecost



Preface

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

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.*
Alleluia!

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 121 *Levavi oculos*

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- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 122 *Lætatus sum*

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Psalm 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

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- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

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 Luke

7:1-17

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the

centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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***

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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.*

The Collect for the 20th Week of Pentecost

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Leader or Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,
Alternate and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Aid against Perils

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Leader or O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon
Alternate us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Prayer for Spirit of Love

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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.*

Keep Watch

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Assigned Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *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