

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Service or Lights, Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week Of Advent



## Introductory Scripture:

**Leader** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL** Thanks be to God.

**Leader** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

**Leader** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL** *Amen.*

*Altar candles and other candles are lit. (Light a candle of your own if you wish.)*

**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.

**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!**

**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** *In Domino confido*

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- 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.**

**Reading from the Gospel of Luke**

10:9-18

He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!" But he looked at them and said, "What then does this text mean: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

This is Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**The Song of Mary**

*If not sung solo or said in rotation and unison at end*

- 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.

9 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

10 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**

**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;
- 2** And grant us your salvation.
- 3** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

4 Let your people sing with joy.  
5 Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
6 For only in you can we live in safety.  
7 Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
8 And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
9 Let your way be known upon earth;  
10 Your saving health among all nations.  
11 Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
12 Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
13 Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
14 And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*A Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent*

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**Leader or Alternate** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*A Collect for peace*

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**Leader or Alternate** Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just 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***

**Leader or Alternate** 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.*

*God's Providence*

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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*