

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany



## 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.

**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. 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.

**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.**

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**Psalm 125** *Qui confidunt*

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- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  
land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

**Psalm 126** *In convertendo*

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- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves

**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.**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is Word of the Lord.

**ALL Thanks be to God**

**The Song of Mary**

*In Rotation*

- 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;
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.

**Leader or** O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing;  
**Alternate** Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, 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*

*Love and Serve in Peace*

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**Leader or** O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth  
**Alternate** 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.*

**ALL** 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.*

**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*

**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*