

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the First Sunday in Lent



## Preface

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## 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.**

**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.

**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.**

**Psalm 47** *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

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- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

## Reading from the Gospel According to John

2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is Word of the Lord.

**ALL Thanks be to God**

**The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quaerite Dominum*

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*Isaiah 55:6-11*

- 1 Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near
- 2 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;
- 3 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;
- 4 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- 5 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 6 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,
- 7 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
- 8 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;

9 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**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.

*A Collect for the Day*

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**Leader or** Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan;

**Alternate** Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Protection*

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**Leader or** O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who

**Alternate** labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

*Prayer to Love and Serve*

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

**Alternate** 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.*