

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (3rd Week in Lent)



Preface

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Psalm 96:9

Confession

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

or Priest

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 Almighty God have mercy on you(*us*), forgive you(*us*) all your(*our*) sins
or Priest 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 110 *Dixit Dominus*

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1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, *
until I make your enemies your footstool."
2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, *
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.
3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; *
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,
like dew from the womb of the morning."
4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: *
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord who is at your right hand
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; *
he will rule over the nations.

Psalm 132 *Dixit Dominus*

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1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, *
nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."
14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
 I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
 but as for him, his crown will shine."

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 According to John

1:9-14

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is Word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

- 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 for ever.

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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**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.

Collect for The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ To the Blessed Virgin Mary

Leader or Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the
Alternate incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin
Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Day

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Leader or Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
Alternate Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be
defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil
thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

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Leader or Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our
Alternate companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know
you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the
sake of your love. **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
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.*

Watch Over

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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.***

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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 *BCP 135*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
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 **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