

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
After the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:2*

## 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      Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
            let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2      Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
            as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at  
                    the presence of God.
- 3      But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
            let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4      Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
            exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
            YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5      Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
            God in his holy habitation!
- 6      God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners  
                    into freedom; \*  
            but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7      O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
            when you marched through the wilderness,

8       The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9       You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10      Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11      The Lord gave the word; \*  
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12      "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  
the women at home are dividing the spoils."

13      Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.

14      When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15      O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16      Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  
truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17      The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands; \*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18      You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  
that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19      Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20      He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  
God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

24 They see your procession, O God, \*  
     your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.  
 25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  
     in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.  
 26 Bless God in the congregation; \*  
     bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.  
 27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;  
     the princes of Judah in a company; \*  
     and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.  
 28 Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
     establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.  
 29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
     for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.  
 30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  
     and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.  
 31 Trample down those who lust after silver; \*  
     scatter the peoples that delight in war.  
 32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
     let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.  
 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
     sing praises to the Lord.  
 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
     he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.  
 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
     his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.  
 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
     the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
     Blessed be God!  
**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 Mark

Mark 7:30-46

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

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.

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**

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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**

***continue rotation***

- 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 of the Day*

*BCP 231*

**Leader or** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong,  
**Alternate** nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Protection*

*BCP 124*

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

*BCP 125*

**Leader or** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth  
**Alternate** upon 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 National Concerns*

**Leader or** Lord God, our Heavenly Father and Protector,  
**Alternate** We ask for your loving presence and peace for individuals, families and organizations who are subjected to or threatened by the consequences of government actions including:



- All migrants and refugees who have been subjected to deportation or threatened by similar actions or abuses.
- Government employees who have been laid off and those who continue to work under difficult circumstances or threats.
- For businesses, education Institutions, and their employees dealing with the disruption of government funding limiting the ability to continue their contributions that benefit our safety, welfare and lives.
- Those whose livelihood supported these individuals.

Provide comfort and solace for those affected, and help us to come to a reconciliation that provides love and support for all humanity.

We also pray for ourselves, and others not directly affected, but affected by the stress associated with such government actions. Guide us, enabling us to help where we can and encourage reconciliation and resolution. 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 their heavenly country all those who have died. *Amen.*

*Keep Watch*

*BCP 134*

**ALL**

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.*

**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;  
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.**

**Night Prayer #3**

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**ALL**        Be present, Spirit of God,  
within us, your dwelling place and home,  
that this house may be one where.  
all darkness is penetrated by your light,  
all troubles calmed by your peace,  
all evil redeemed by your love,  
all pain transformed in your suffering,  
and all dying glorified in your risen life.

**ALL**        ***Amen.***

**Leader** Let us bless the Lord.

**r**

**ALL** Thanks be to God.

**Leader** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
**r** Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*