

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
After the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

## 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.**

**Psalm 94**    *Deus ultionum*

*in rotation BCP page 722*

1            O LORD God of vengeance, \*  
                 O God of vengeance, show yourself.  
2            Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  
                 give the arrogant their just deserts.  
3            How long shall the wicked, O LORD, \*  
                 how long shall the wicked triumph?  
4            They bluster in their insolence; \*  
                 all evildoers are full of boasting.  
5            They crush your people, O LORD, \*  
                 and afflict your chosen nation.  
6            They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
                 and put the orphans to death.  
7            Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, \*  
                 the God of Jacob takes no notice."  
8            Consider well, you dullards among the people; \*  
                 when will you fools understand?  
9            He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
                 he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? \*  
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?  
11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; \*  
how like a puff of wind they are.  
12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! \*  
whom you teach out of your law;  
13 To give them rest in evil days, \*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.  
14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.  
15 For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.  
16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  
who took my part against the evildoers?  
17 If the LORD had not come to my help, \*  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.  
18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  
your love, O LORD, upheld me.  
19 When many cares fill my mind, \*  
your consolations cheer my soul.  
20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  
one which frames evil into law?  
21 They conspire against the life of the just \*  
and condemn the innocent to death.  
22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, \*  
and my God the rock of my trust.  
23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice; \*  
the LORD our God will destroy them.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**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 10:1-16*

Jesus left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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**

*BCP page 120*

**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**

*BCP 121*

**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 of the Day*

*BCP 231*

**Leader or** Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that  
**Alternate** are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to  
 live according to your will; 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 Aide Against Perils*

*BCP 123*

**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.*

*Prayer to Love and Serve*

*BCP 124*

**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.*



### *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.

**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*