

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Proper 19: Week of the 14th Sunday of Pentecost



If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Confession

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

ALL

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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.***

O Gracious Light

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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 world

- 1 Hear my cry, O God, *
 and listen to my prayer.
- 2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth
 with heaviness in my heart; *
 set me upon the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For you have been my refuge, *
 a strong tower against the enemy.
- 4 I will dwell in your house for ever; *
 I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.
- 5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; *
 You have granted me the heritage of those
 Who fear your name.
- 6 Add length of days to to the king's life; *
 let his years extend over many generations.
- 7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever, *
 Bid love and faithfulness watch over him.
- 8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, *
 And day by day I will fulfill my vows.

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
 From him comes my salvation.
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
 My stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail to crush me,
all of you together, *

 As if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; *

 Lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, *

 But in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *

 Truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

 My stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *

 God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him, always, O people, *

 Pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *

 Even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *

 All of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride;
 Though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it. *

 That power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *

For you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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 Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matt. 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

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

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 Suffrages

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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 233

Leader or Alternate: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

BCP 124

Leader or Alternate: Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our 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 in Peace

BCP 124

Leader or Alternate: O God, and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth 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 Alternate: Lord God, our Heavenly Father and Protector, 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

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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.**

- ¹ Lord, you now have set your servant free *
 to go in peace as you have promised;
- ² For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
- ³ 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