

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
After the 17th Sunday of Pentecost



I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7-8*

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. 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 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

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1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.
6 Blessed be the LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 125 *Qui confidunt*

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- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the
land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

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- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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 Matthew

9:1-8

And after getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- he then said to the paralytic-- "Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

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 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

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Leader or Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to
Alternate pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

BCP 123

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 for Love and Service in Peace

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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.*

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

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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.**

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32 BCP 135

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