

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday of Easter



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 139:05,11*

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.**

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 36

Dixit injustus

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- 1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
 there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 He flatters himself in his own eyes *
 that his hateful sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
 he has left off acting wisely and doing good.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed
 and has set himself in no good way; *
 he does not abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 39

Dixi, Custodiam

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1 I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *
I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.

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 of Matthew

3:7-12

But when [John] saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum

In Rotation

- 1 Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
- 2 Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
- 3 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
- 4 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- 5 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

6 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
7 Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
8 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
9 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

The Lord's Prayer *Celtic Version by John Philip Newell*

ALL Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people.
This day, tonight, and forever.

The Prayers

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¹ Show us your mercy, O Lord;

ALL ***And grant us your salvation.***

² Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

ALL ***Let your people sing with joy.***

3 Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
ALL *For only in you can we live in safety.*
4 Lord, keep this nation under your care;
ALL *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
5 Let your way be known upon earth;
ALL *Your saving health among all nations.*
6 Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
ALL *We entreat you, O Lord.*
7 Create in us clean hearts, O God;
ALL *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect of the Day

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Leader or Alternate O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Aid against Perils

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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

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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 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, educational 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.***

Other 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.***

ALL Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Leader or Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
as make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through
Assigned your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires
and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge
of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Ephesians 3:20,21