

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday after the 5th 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 139:10,11*

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 61

Exaudi, Deus

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- 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 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.

Psalm 62

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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 me 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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

6:7-15

[Jesus said] "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Thanks be to God.

- 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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so

Alternate perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect for Protection

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Leader or O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of

Alternate those 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 to Love and Serve in Peace

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Leader or O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send

Alternate forth 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, 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.***

The General Thanksgiving

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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

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Leader or as Assigned Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through 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 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*