

# Evening Prayer

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:1,2*

**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 121

*Levavi oculos*

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- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**Psalm 122**

*Lætatus sum*

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1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;  
4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.  
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.  
7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

**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 Lessons**

### **A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew**

*Matt. 21:23-32*

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir' but he did not

go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL**            **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

*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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<sup>1</sup>        Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**ALL**        ***And grant us your salvation.***  
<sup>2</sup>        Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**ALL**        ***Let your people sing with joy.***  
<sup>3</sup>        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 Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.  
**ALL** *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away*  
7 Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**ALL** *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### *Collect of the Day*

**Leader or** Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the  
**Alternate** apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone:  
Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that  
we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *Collect for Protection*

**BCP 124**

**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.**

### *Keep Watch*

**BCP 124**

**Leader or** O Keep Watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this  
**Alternate** night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick,

Lord Jesus; 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.**

### *For U.S. Service Members and Their Loved Ones*

**Leader or Alternate** O God of mercy and steadfast love, we lift before you those serving in the armed forces who are far from home in places of conflict. Be near those who are wounded in body or spirit, comfort those who grieve the loss of comrades, and grant rest to the souls of those who have died. Hold their families close—the spouses, parents, children, and friends who grieve, wait, and worry. Give them strength, patience, and the assurance that they are not alone. Grant wisdom to the nations of the world so that conflict may end, justice may prevail, and peace may grow where violence has taken root. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **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, 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** Lord, God, we thank you the blessings of this life,  
(*and*) request that you answer our petitions  
in accordance with your will,  
(*and*) bring safely to your heavenly country  
those who have died  
granting forgiveness of any sins  
through your Son, Jesus Christ. ***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*

*BCP 126*

**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*