

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, July 21st 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday after the 8th Sunday of Pentecost



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

**Leader
or Priest
ALL**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 45

Eructavit cor meum

in rotation BCP page 647

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.
- 5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- 6 The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

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 Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

26:47-56

While [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP page 121

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;

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

² Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

BCPALL ***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 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

BCP 231

Leader or Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities

Alternate before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

BCP 123

Leader or Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all
Alternate just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Increase of Abounding Grace

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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.**

For U.S. Service Members and Their Loved Ones

Leader or O God of mercy and steadfast love, we lift before you those serving in the
Alternate 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 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 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.***

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 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