

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 18th 7:00 p.m.
After the 12th Sunday of Pentecost



Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.
Psalm 96:9

**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 124 *Nisi quia Dominus in rotation BCP page 781*

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**in rotation BCP page 781*

- 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.

**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 126*In convertendo**in rotation BCP page 782*

- 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.

Psalm 127

Nisi Dominus

in rotation BCP page 782

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
 their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
 in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
 vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
 for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
 and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
 are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
 he shall not be put to shame
 when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

**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 John

5:40-47

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the

truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

The Word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God.

The Second Song of Isaiah	<i>Quaerite Dominum</i>	<i>In Rotation</i>
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| 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

BCP page 120

**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.*

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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 232

Leader or Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for
Alternate sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive
thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the
blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Love and Service in Peace

BCP 124

Leader or O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole
Alternate 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.**

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.***

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 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 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