

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, September 8th 7:00 p.m.
After the 15th Sunday of Pentecost



I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

Psalm 16:7,8

**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.***

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 95

Venite, exultemus

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- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 45

Eructavit cor meum

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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 John

10:31-42

The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for

blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods'-- and the scripture cannot be annulled-- can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, 'I am God's Son'? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, "John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." And many believed in him there.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God.

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

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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;

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 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

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Leader or Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always

Alternate resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake
those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. ***Amen.***

Collect for Aid Against Perils

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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.***

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.***

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 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