Evening Prayer

Tuesday, November 10th 7:00 p.m.
After the 24th Sunday of Pentecost

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Philippians 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.***

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron* *BCP page 112*

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 78: Part II *Quoties exacerbaverunt* ***in rotation BCP*** *page 698*

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness *
and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God *
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power *
in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, *
so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, *
and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail *
and their sycamores with frost.
48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.
49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: *
fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.
50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did not spare their souls from death; *
but delivered their lives to the plague.
51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, *
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
52 He led out his people like sheep *
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; *
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 He brought them to his holy land, *
the mountain his right hand had won.
55 He drove out the Canaanites before them
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; *
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, *
and did not keep his commandments.
57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; *
they were undependable like a warped bow.
58 They grieved him with their hill-altars *
they provoked his displeasure with their idols.
59 When God heard this, he was angry *
and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, *
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.
61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.
62 He gave his people to the sword *
and was angered against his inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men; *
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
64 Their priests fell by the sword, *
and their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, *
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
66 He struck his enemies on the backside *
and put them to perpetual shame.
67 He rejected the tent of Joseph *
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;
68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, *
like the earth which he founded for ever.
70 He chose David his servant, *
and took him away from the sheepfolds.
71 He brought him from following the ewes, *
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people and over Israel his inheritance.
72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart *
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

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 Luke *14:25-35*

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

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.*

Suffrages A ***continue rotation BCP*** *page 121*

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.***

The Collect of the Day ***BCP*** *25*

Leader or Alternate O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Collect for Peace **BCP** *123*

Leader or Alternate Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all 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 to Love and Serve in Peace **BCP** *124*

Leader or Alternate O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole 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 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, 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 ***BCP*** *125*

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 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