# Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, December 1st, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Service or Lights, Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent

**Introductory Scripture:**

**Leader** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

**Leader** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

**Leader** Let us pray.
Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL** ***Amen.***

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**Leader or Alternate** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Altar candles and other candles are lit. (Light a candle of your own it you wish.)*

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron* ***BCP*** *page 118*

**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.**

**Psalm 18 Part II** *Et retribuet mihi* ***in rotation BCP*** *page 604*

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; *
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD *
and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, *
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, *
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; *
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, *
but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, *
but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; *
my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; *
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.
31 As for God, his ways are perfect;
the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; *
he is a shield to all who trust in him.
32 For who is God, but the LORD? *
who is the Rock, except our God?
33 It is God who girds me about with strength *
and makes my way secure.
34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer *
and lets me stand firm on the heights.
35 He trains my hands for battle *
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.
36 You have given me your shield of victory; *
your right hand also sustains me;
your loving care makes me great.
37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, *
and my ankles do not give way.
38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; *
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.
39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; *
they fall defeated at my feet.
40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; *
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;
you have put my enemies to flight.
41 I destroy those who hate me;
they cry out, but there is none to help them; *
they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; *
I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; *
you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me;
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; *
strangers will cringe before me

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; *
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock! *
Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory *
and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;
you exalted me above those who rose against me; *
you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, *
and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; *
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,
to David and his descendants for 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. Alleluia.***

**Reading from the Gospel of Luke** *20:27-40*

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his

brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

This is Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat* ***BCP*** *page 50 in rotation*

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

4 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

9 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

10 The promise he made to our fathers, *
To Abraham and his children forever.

**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.***

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Leader** Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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**Leader** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And Also with you.**

**Leader** Let Us Pray.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celtic Version by John Philip Newell*

**ALL** **Holy One beyond all names**
**Eternal Wellspring**
**May love rise again in us today**
**With food for every table**
**Shelter for every family**
**And reverence for every life.**
**Forgive us our failings in love**
**And free us from all falseness**
**That the light of our souls may shine**
**And the strength of our spirits endure**
**For Earth and all its people.**
**This day, tonight, and forever.**

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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 for Protection*** ***BCP*** *124*

**Leader or Alternate** O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of 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.***

***Prayer for Abounding Grace*** ***BCP*** *125*

**Leader or Alternate** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send 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 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** 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*