

## Daily Evening Prayer:

### Rite One

*Friday September 25, 2020*

*The Feast of St. Sergius*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

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*

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 thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art 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 91** *Qui habitat*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
1 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

**Psalm 92**     *Bonum est confiteri*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 LORD, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
- 7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.
- 8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD,  
lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- 9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.
- 10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who  
rise up against me.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

*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 Lessons

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Book of Esther  
*Chapter 8 verses 1 through 8,  
and verses 15 through 17*

**8** On that day King Ahasu-e'rus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mor'decai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her; <sup>2</sup> and the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mor'decai. And Esther set Mor'decai over the house of Haman.

<sup>3</sup> Then Esther spoke again to the king; she fell at his feet and besought him with tears to avert the evil design of Haman the Ag'agite and the plot which he had devised against the Jews. <sup>4</sup> And the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, <sup>5</sup> and Esther rose and stood before the king. And she said, "If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman the Ag'agite, the son of Hammeda'tha, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king. <sup>6</sup> For how can I endure to see the calamity that is coming to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?" <sup>7</sup> Then King Ahasu-e'rus said to Queen Esther and to Mor'decai the Jew, "Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he would lay hands on the Jews. <sup>8</sup> And you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring; for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."

<sup>15</sup> Then Mor'decai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a mantle of fine linen and purple, while the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. <sup>16</sup> The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. <sup>17</sup> And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict came,

there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.

*Officiant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*         Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Mary**    *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
  
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.

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Gospel of Luke  
                          *Chapter 4 verses 31 through 37*

<sup>31</sup> And he went down to Caper'na-um, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath; <sup>32</sup> and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word was with authority. <sup>33</sup> And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> "Ah!<sup>[a]</sup> What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no

harm. <sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.” <sup>37</sup> And reports of him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

*Officiant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*         Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Simeon**    *Nunc dimittis*  
*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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 Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

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 B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and  
goodwill,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole  
world,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and  
not be condemned before the great judgment seat  
of Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in  
the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us, we pray thee, from an inordinate love of this world, that inspired by the devotion of thy servant Sergius of Moscow, we may serve thee with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ on p. 70

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission on p. 70

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Unity of the Human Family

O God, thou hast made us in thine own image and redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy and unjust divisions; look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; and work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that we may be united in one holy bond of truth, and justice, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Officiant then bids personal prayers. After a moment of silence:*

*Officiant* Lord in thy mercy  
*All* Hear our prayer.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* 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*