

**Evening Prayer Thursday in The Seventh Week of Easter, May 28, 2020**

*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 105: Part II** *Et intravit Israel*

23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, \*  
and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  
but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood \*  
and caused their fish to die.

- 30 Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  
in the very chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects \*  
and gnats within all their borders.
- 32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, \*  
and flames of fire throughout their land.
- 33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees \*  
and shattered every tree in their country.
- 34 He spoke, and the locust came, \*  
and young locusts without number,
- 35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land \*  
and devoured the fruit of their soil.
- 36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, \*  
the firstfruits of all their strength.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

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 Book of Zecharia.* Chapter 4 verses 1 through 14.

And the angel who talked with me came again, and waked me, like a man that is wakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup> And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps which are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup> And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." <sup>4</sup> And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" <sup>5</sup> Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerub'babel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup> What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerub'babel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'" <sup>8</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup> "The hands of Zerub'babel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>10</sup> For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerub'babel. "These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" <sup>12</sup> And a second time I said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the oil is poured out?" <sup>13</sup> He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." <sup>14</sup> Then he said, "These are the two anointed who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

*The Word of the Lord. 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.

***A Reading from the gospel of Matthew.*** Chapter 9 verses 1 through 8.

Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup> And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

*The Word of the Lord. 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.

*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, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son  
Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:  
We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us  
thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same  
place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth  
and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God,  
world without end. *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 every-  
where love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

*I bid your personal prayers here.... [silence for a time].*

*Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.*

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

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.*