

Daily Evening Prayer:

Rite One

December 10, 2020

Thursday in the Second Week of Advent

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 37: Part II *Novit Dominus*

- 19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, *
and their inheritance shall last for ever.
- 20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, *
and in days of famine they shall have enough.
- 21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, *
and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of
the meadows, shall vanish;
they shall vanish like smoke.
- 22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
but the righteous are generous in giving.

- 23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, *
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.
- 24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; *
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.
- 25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, *
for the LORD holds them by the hand.
- 26 I have been young and now I am old, *
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,
or their children begging bread.
- 27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, *
and their children shall be a blessing.
- 28 Turn from evil, and do good, *
and dwell in the land for ever.
- 29 For the LORD loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.
- 30 They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.
- 31 The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.
- 32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
and their tongue speaks what is right.
- 33 The law of their God is in their heart, *
and their footsteps shall not falter.
- 34 The wicked spy on the righteous *
and seek occasion to kill them.
- 35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, *
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; *
he will raise you up to possess the land,
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, *
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; *
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest;
observe the upright; *
for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; *
the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

*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 Isaiah
Chapter 7 verses 1 through 9

7 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzzi'ah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remali'ah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but they could not conquer it. ² When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with E'phraim," his heart and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. ³ And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and She'ar-jash'ub^[a] your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field, ⁴ and say to him, 'Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remali'ah. ⁵ Because Syria, with E'phraim and the son of Remali'ah, has devised evil against you, saying, ⁶ "Let us go up against Judah

and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Ta'be-el as king in the midst of it,"⁷ thus says the Lord GOD: It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass.⁸ For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. (Within sixty-five years E'phraim will be broken to pieces so that it will no longer be a people.)⁹ And the head of E'phraim is Samar'ia, and the head of Samar'ia is the son of Remali'ah. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.'"

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 22 verses 1 through 13

22 Now the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death; for they feared the people. ³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; ⁴ he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might

betray him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. ⁶ So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude. ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus^[a] sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, ¹¹ and tell the householder, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?’ ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready.” ¹³ And they went, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.

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

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our
Redeemer; 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 every-
where 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*