

**Online Evening Prayer Wednesday 4 Lent Mar. 25, 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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

**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 though all the worlds.

**Psalm 119:121-144**

121 I have done what is just and right; \*  
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
and for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, \*  
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.
- 137 You are righteous, O LORD, \*  
and upright are your judgments.
- 138 You have issued your decrees \*  
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
because my enemies forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
and your servant holds it dear.
- 141 I am small and of little account, \*  
yet I do not forget your commandments.
- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

***A reading from the Book of Genesis.***      Genesis 50:15-26.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke

to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them. <sup>22</sup> So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's house; and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. <sup>23</sup> And Joseph saw E'phraim's children of the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Manas'seh were born upon Joseph's knees. <sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, "God will visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

*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 Mark.** *Mark 8:11-26*

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, to test him. <sup>12</sup> And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." <sup>13</sup> And he left them, and getting into the boat again he departed to the other side. <sup>14</sup> Now they had forgotten to bring bread; and they had only one loaf with

them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, "We have no bread." <sup>17</sup> And being aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" <sup>22</sup> And they came to Beth-sa'ida. And some people brought to him a blind man, and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see men; but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

*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.*

Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art 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 thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; 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.*