

**Evening Prayer Monday in the Third Week of Easter April 27, 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 9** *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
I will tell of all your marvelous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; \*  
I will sing to your Name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies are driven back, \*  
they will stumble and perish at your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; \*  
you sit upon your throne judging right.
- 5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; \*  
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, \*  
their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;
- 7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; \*  
he has set up this throne for judgment.

- 8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; \*  
he judges the peoples with equity.
- 9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.
- 11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.
- 12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Have pity on me, O LORD; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- 14 So that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.
- 15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
- 16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the people that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

**Psalm 15** *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

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 Exodus.*** Chapter 18 verses 13 through 27.

<sup>13</sup> On the morrow Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand about you from morning till evening?" <sup>15</sup> And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; <sup>16</sup> when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and his decisions." <sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and the people with you will wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone. <sup>19</sup> Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God, and bring their cases to God; <sup>20</sup> and you shall

teach them the statutes and the decisions, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. <sup>21</sup> Moreover choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe; and place such men over the people as rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>22</sup> And let them judge the people at all times; every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves; so it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”

<sup>24</sup> So Moses gave heed to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

<sup>25</sup> Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>26</sup> And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. <sup>27</sup> Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own country.

*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 3: verses 1 through 6

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

*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, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace on p. 69

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Last Collect 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.*

*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.*