

**Evening Prayer Friday in the Sixth Week of Easter, May 22, 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 91** *Qui habitat*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
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.

*A reading from the First Book of Samuel.* Chapter 2 verses 1 through 10.

Hannah also prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in thy salvation.

<sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD,  
there is none besides thee;  
there is no rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones;  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

<sup>10</sup>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

*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 7 verses 22 though 27***

<sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’

<sup>24</sup> “Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; <sup>25</sup> and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; <sup>27</sup> and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”

*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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such  
good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our  
hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all  
things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which  
exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Fridays on p. 69

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the  
sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in  
faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall  
asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for  
thy tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission on p. 71

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.*