

## Evening Prayer Holy Saturday April 11, 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 through all the worlds.

**Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
of my life;

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

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 Lamentations.* Chapter 3 verses 37 through 58.

<sup>37</sup>Who has commanded and it came to pass,  
unless the Lord has ordained it?  
<sup>38</sup>Is it not from the mouth of the Most High  
that good and evil come?  
<sup>39</sup>Why should a living man complain,  
a man, about the punishment of his sins?  
<sup>40</sup>Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the LORD!  
<sup>41</sup>Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven:  
<sup>42</sup>“We have transgressed and rebelled,  
and thou hast not forgiven.  
<sup>43</sup>“Thou hast wrapped thyself with anger and pursued us,  
slaying without pity;  
<sup>44</sup>thou hast wrapped thyself with a cloud  
so that no prayer can pass through.  
<sup>45</sup>Thou hast made us offscouring and refuse  
among the peoples.  
<sup>46</sup>“All our enemies  
rail against us;  
<sup>47</sup>panic and pitfall have come upon us,  
devastation and destruction;  
<sup>48</sup>my eyes flow with rivers of tears  
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.  
<sup>49</sup>“My eyes will flow without ceasing,  
without respite,  
<sup>50</sup>until the LORD from heaven  
looks down and sees;  
<sup>51</sup>my eyes cause me grief  
at the fate of all the maidens of my city.  
<sup>52</sup>“I have been hunted like a bird  
by those who were my enemies without cause;  
<sup>53</sup>they flung me alive into the pit

and cast stones on me;  
54 water closed over my head;  
I said, 'I am lost.'  
55 "I called on thy name, O LORD,  
from the depths of the pit;  
56 thou didst hear my plea, 'Do not close  
thine ear to my cry for help!'  
57 Thou didst come near when I called on thee;  
thou didst say, 'Do not fear!'  
58 "Thou hast taken up my cause, O Lord,  
thou hast redeemed my life.

*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 letter of Paul to the Romans. Chapter 8 verses 1 through 11.***

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the

flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

*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, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the

coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays on p. 69

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*