

## Daily Evening Prayer:

### Rite One

*Monday October 26, 2020*

*The Feast of Alfred the Great*

### 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 44** *Deus, auribus*

- We have heard with our ears, O God,  
1 our forefathers have told us, \*  
the deeds you did in their days,  
in the days of old.
- 2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out  
and planted our forefathers in the land; \*  
how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.
- 3 For they did not take the land by their sword,  
nor did their arm win the victory for them; \*  
but your right hand, your arm, and the

light of your countenance,  
because you favored them.

- 4 You are my King and my God; \*  
you command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; \*  
through your Name we trampled on those who  
rose up against us.
- 6 For I do not rely on my bow, \*  
and my sword does not give me the victory.
- 7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries \*  
and put those who hate us to shame.
- 8 Every day we gloried in God, \*  
and we will praise your Name for ever.
- 9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us \*  
and do not go forth with our armies.
- 10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, \*  
and our enemies have plundered us.
- 11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten \*  
and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You are selling your people for a trifle \*  
and are making no profit on the sale of them.
- 13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, \*  
a mockery and derision to those around us.
- 14 You have made us a byword among the nations, \*  
a laughing-stock among the peoples.
- 15 My humiliation is daily before me, \*  
and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, \*  
because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; \*  
yet we have not forgotten you,  
nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, \*  
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, \*  
and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, \*  
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? \*  
for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; \*  
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? \*  
Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face \*  
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; \*  
our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, \*  
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

*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 Ecclesiasticus  
*Chapter 19 verses 4 through 17*

- <sup>4</sup> One who trusts others too quickly is lightminded,  
and one who sins does wrong to himself.
- <sup>5</sup> One who rejoices in wickedness<sup>[a]</sup> will be condemned,<sup>[b]</sup>  
<sup>6</sup> and for one who hates gossip evil is lessened.
- <sup>7</sup> Never repeat a conversation,  
and you will lose nothing at all.
- <sup>8</sup> With friend or foe do not report it,  
and unless it would be a sin for you, do not disclose it;
- <sup>9</sup> for some one has heard you and watched you,  
and when the time comes he will hate you.
- <sup>10</sup> Have you heard a word? Let it die with you.  
Be brave! It will not make you burst!
- <sup>11</sup> With such a word a fool will suffer pangs  
like a woman in labor with a child.
- <sup>12</sup> Like an arrow stuck in the flesh of the thigh,  
so is a word inside a fool.
- <sup>13</sup> Question a friend, perhaps he did not do it;  
but if he did anything, so that he may do it no more.
- <sup>14</sup> Question a neighbor, perhaps he did not say it;  
but if he said it, so that he may not say it again.
- <sup>15</sup> Question a friend, for often it is slander;  
so do not believe everything you hear.
- <sup>16</sup> A person may make a slip without intending it.  
Who has never sinned with his tongue?
- <sup>17</sup> Question your neighbor before you threaten him;  
and let the law of the Most High take its course.

*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 11 verses 14 through 26*

<sup>14</sup> Now he was casting out a demon that was dumb; when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Be-el'zebul, the prince of demons"; <sup>16</sup> while others, to test him, sought from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Be-el'zebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Be-el'zebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he assails him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. <sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

*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

O Sovereign Lord, who didst bring thy servant Alfred to a troubled throne that he might establish peace in a ravaged land and revive learning and the arts among the people: Awake in us also, we beseech thee, a keen desire to increase our understanding while we are in this world, and an eager longing to reach that endless life where all will be made clear; 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 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.*

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 everywhere 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.*