

**Evening Prayer Tuesday in the Sixth Week of Easter, May 19, 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 78: Part II** *Quoties exacerbaverunt*

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness \*  
and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God \*  
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power \*  
in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt \*  
and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, \*  
so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, \*  
and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, \*  
the fruit of their toil to the locust.

- 47 He killed their vines with hail \*  
and their sycamores with frost.
- 48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones \*  
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.
- 49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: \*  
fury, indignation, and distress,  
a troop of destroying angels.
- 50 He gave full rein to his anger;  
he did not spare their souls from death; \*  
but delivered their lives to the plague.
- 51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
- 52 He led out his people like sheep \*  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; \*  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 He brought them to his holy land, \*  
the mountain his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites before them  
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; \*  
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, \*  
and did not keep his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; \*  
they were undependable like a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him with their hill-altars \*  
they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

- 59 When God heard this, he was angry \*  
and utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, \*  
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.
- 61 He delivered the ark into captivity, \*  
his glory into the adversary's hand.
- 62 He gave his people to the sword \*  
and was angered against his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men; \*  
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, \*  
and their widows made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, \*  
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies on the backside \*  
and put them to perpetual shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph \*  
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah \*  
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, \*  
like the earth which he founded for ever.
- 70 He chose David his servant, \*  
and took him away from the sheepfolds.
- 71 He brought him from following the ewes, \*  
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people  
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart \*  
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

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 Leviticus.* Chapter 16 verses 1 through 20.

“You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no graven image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land, to bow down to them; for I am the LORD your God. <sup>2</sup> You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>“If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, <sup>4</sup> then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. <sup>5</sup> And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the time for sowing; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land securely. <sup>6</sup> And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land. <sup>7</sup> And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. <sup>8</sup> Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. <sup>9</sup> And I will have regard for you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and will confirm my covenant with you. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new. <sup>11</sup> And I will make my abode among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. <sup>12</sup> And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. <sup>13</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

<sup>14</sup>“But if you will not hearken to me, and will not do all these commandments, <sup>15</sup> if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my ordinances, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, <sup>16</sup> I will do this to you: I will appoint over you sudden terror, consumption and fever that waste the eyes and cause life to pine away. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it; <sup>17</sup> I will set my face against you, and you shall be smitten before your enemies; those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you. <sup>18</sup> And if in spite of this you will not hearken to me, then I will chastise you again sevenfold for your sins, <sup>19</sup> and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like brass; <sup>20</sup> and your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

*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 13 verses 18 through 23

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*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 Aid Against Perils on p. 70

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### A Collect for Mission on p. 71

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *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.*