

**Evening Prayer Saturday in the Third Week of Easter, May 2, 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 42** *Quemadmodum*

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

- 7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,  
"Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Psalm 43** *Judica me, Deus*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?

- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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 25 verses 1 through 22.

The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me an offering; from every man whose heart makes him willing you shall receive the offering for me. <sup>3</sup>And this is the offering which you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>4</sup>blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, goats’ hair, <sup>5</sup>tanned rams’ skins, goatskins, acacia wood, <sup>6</sup>oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>7</sup>onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. <sup>8</sup>And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. <sup>9</sup>According to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

<sup>10</sup>“They shall make an ark of acacia wood; two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. <sup>11</sup>And you shall overlay it with pure gold, within and without shall you overlay it, and you shall make upon it a molding of gold round about. <sup>12</sup>And you shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. <sup>13</sup>You shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup>And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark by them. <sup>15</sup>The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. <sup>16</sup>And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. <sup>17</sup>Then you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. <sup>18</sup>And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup>Make one cherub on the

one end, and one cherub on the other end; of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. <sup>20</sup> The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. <sup>21</sup> And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark; and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. <sup>22</sup> There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you of all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

*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 4 verses 18 through 25.*

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decap'olis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

*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 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.*