

Daily Evening Prayer:  
Rite One

*Thursday, March 31, 2022*  
*The Feast of John Donne*

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.

**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 73** *Quam bonus Israel!*

- 1 Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;
- 3 Because I envied the proud \*  
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:
- 4 For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;
- 5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;

- 6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.
- 7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
- 8 They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.
- 10 And so the people turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.
- 11 They say, "How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
- 13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.
- 15 Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;
- 17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.
- 18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  
you cast them down in ruin.
- 19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!

- 20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
- 21 When my mind became embittered, \*  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- 22 I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.
- 23 Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.
- 24 You will guide me by your counsel, \*  
and afterwards receive me with glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
- 26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- 28 But it is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.
- 29 I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

*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 Exodus  
*Chapter 1 verses 6 through 22*

Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. But the descendants of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong; so that the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know

Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war befall us, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens; and they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Ra-am'ses. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. So they made the people of Israel serve with rigor, and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field; in all their work they made them serve with rigor. Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiph'rah and the other Pu'ah, "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. So the king of Egypt called the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and are delivered before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

*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, \*



## 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

Almighty God, the root and fountain of all being: Open our eyes to see, with thy servant John Donne, that whatsoever hath any being is a mirror in which we may behold thee; 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 the Presence of Christ on p. 70

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *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.*

*The Officiant then bids personal prayers. After a moment of silence:*

<i>Officiant</i>	Lord in thy mercy
<i>All</i>	Hear our prayer.

*Officiant*  
*All*

Let us bless the Lord.  
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*