

Daily Evening Prayer:  
Rite One

*Thursday, September 16, 2021*  
*The Feast of St. Ninian*

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 74** *Ut quid, Deus?*

- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,  
and Mount Zion where you dwell.
- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets  
and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your holy place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  
and razed it to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God  
in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?
- 10 Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.
- 12 You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  
you established the moon and the sun.
- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.

- 17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish people despised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

*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 First Book of Kings  
*Chapter 22 verses 29 through 45*

The king of Israel and Jehosh'aphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said to Jehosh'aphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle, but you wear your robes." And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, "Fight with neither small nor great, but only with the king of Israel." And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehosh'aphat, they said, "It is surely the king of Israel." So they turned to fight against him; and Jehosh'aphat cried out. And when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. But a certain man drew his bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the scale armor and the breastplate; therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn about, and carry me out of the battle, for I am wounded." And the battle grew hot that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians, until at evening he died; and the blood of the wound flowed into the bottom of the chariot. And about sunset a cry went through the army, "Every man to his city, and every man to his country!" So the king died, and was brought to Samar'ia; and they buried the king in Samar'ia. And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samar'ia, and

the dogs licked up his blood, and the harlots washed themselves in it, according to the word of the LORD which he had spoken. Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahazi'ah his son reigned in his stead. Jehosh'aphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. Jehosh'aphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azu'bah the daughter of Shilhi. He walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD; yet the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. Jehosh'aphat also made peace with the king of Israel. Now the rest of the acts of Jehosh'aphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

*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 Matthew  
                                 *Chapter 5 verses 1 through 10*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

*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 God, who by the preaching of thy blessed servant and bishop  
Ninian didst cause the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of  
Britain: Grant, we beseech thee, that, having his life and labors in  
remembrance, we may show forth our thankfulness by following  
the example of his zeal and patience; 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 every-  
where love thee and serve thee in peace; 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.*