

**Evening Prayer Monday in the Fourth Week of Easter, May 4, 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 44** *Deus, auribus*

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God,  
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.

***A reading from the Book of Exodus.*** Chapter 32 verses 1-20.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, “Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”<sup>2</sup> And Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”<sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.<sup>4</sup> And he received the gold at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made a molten calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”<sup>6</sup> And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; <sup>8</sup> they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; <sup>10</sup> now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.’” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

<sup>15</sup> And Moses turned, and went down from the mountain with the two tables of the testimony in his hands, tables that were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. <sup>16</sup> And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. <sup>17</sup> When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” <sup>18</sup> But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” <sup>19</sup> And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it.

*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 5 verses 1 - 10.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples  
came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be  
satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

*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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people;  
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who  
callesth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead;  
who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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.*

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.*

*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.*