

Daily Evening Prayer:

Rite One

Friday, March 18, 2022

The Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 Genesis
Chapter 43 verses 1 through 15

The famine was severe in the land. And when they had eaten the grain which Joseph's brothers had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food." But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.' If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food; but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'" Israel said, "Why did you treat me so ill as to tell the man that you had another brother?" They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' What we told him was in answer to these questions; could we in any way know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?" And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame for ever; for if we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice." Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man a present, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. Take double the money with you; carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man; may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, that he may send back your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." So the men took the present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin; and they arose and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

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 Mark
 Chapter 4 verses 35 through 41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

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

Strengthen, O Lord, we beseech thee, the bishops of thy Church in their special calling to be teachers and ministers of the Sacraments, that they, like thy servant Cyril of Jerusalem, may effectively instruct thy people in Christian faith and practice; and that we, taught by them, may enter more fully into the celebration of the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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:

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.*