

Daily Evening Prayer:  
Rite One

*Saturday, May 15, 2021*

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 136** *Confitemini*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 17 Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 18 And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures 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.*

## The Lessons

*Officiant*      A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel  
*Chapter 3 verses 4 through 17*

And the LORD said to me, “Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover he said to me, “Son of

man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go, get you to the exiles, to your people, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD’; whether they hear or refuse to hear.” Then the Spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the LORD arose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of a great earthquake; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a great earthquake. The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me; and I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who dwelt by the river Chebar. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

*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 Luke  
                                 *Chapter 9 verses 37 through 50*

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met Jesus. And behold, a man from the crowd cried, "Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my only child; and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him till he foams, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon tore him and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he did, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying. And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great." John answered, "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you."

*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 hast prepared for those who love thee such  
good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our  
hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all  
things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which  
exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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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.*

A Collect for the Unity of the Human Family

O God, thou hast made us in thine own image and redeemed  
us through thy Son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace:  
Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers  
we are in by our unhappy and unjust divisions; look with  
compassion on the whole human family; take away the  
arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down  
the walls that separate us; and work through our struggles and  
confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that we may  
be united in one holy bond of truth and justice, peace and love;  
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.*