**Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two**

**13 May 2020**

*The Officiant begins the service.*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

**Opening Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8WgHGOak1c>

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.

*People:* **O Lord, make haste to help us. 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*

*Officiant and People:*

**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 your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are 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.**

**The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

**Psalm 119:25-48**

**Yodh** *Manus tuœ fecerunt me*

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; \*

give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, \*

because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right \*

and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*

as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, \*

for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; \*

but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, \*

and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*

that I may not be put to shame.

**Kaph** *Defecit in salutare*

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; \*

I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*

and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*

but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? \*

when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; \*

they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; \*

help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*

but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*

that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

**Lamedh** *In œternum, Domine*

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; \*

it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*

you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*

for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*

I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*

because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*

for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*

I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, \*

but your commandment has no bounds.

**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**

***Reader 1:***

A reading from the book of Leviticus [Lev. 19:1-18]:

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God.

When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat [Luke 1:46-55]*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,**

**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \***

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***

**the Almighty has done great things for me,**

**and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him \***

**in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \***

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \***

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, \***

**to Abraham and his children 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.**

***Reader 2:***

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew [Matt. 6:19-24]:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***

**to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***

**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***

**and the glory of your 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.**

**Time for Discussion and Reflection**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**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 also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Suffrages [Form B]**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

**The Collects**

*Officiant:*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Closing Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WeoxyhYWYw>

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions**

**as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*