



# Evening Prayer in time of Pandemic

*from the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II*

August 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m.  
*The Wednesday after the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.  
*Assembly*      O Lord, make haste to help us.  
*All*              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.

*Said together in unison*

## O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,  
O 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 officiant and assembly recite the psalm responsively by half-verse*

## PSALM 119

*AYIN Feci iudicium*

- 121 I have done what is just and right; \*  
                     do not deliver me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
                     let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
                     and for your righteous promise.
- 124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
                     and teach me your statutes.

- 125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.
- 126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, \*  
for they have broken your law.
- 127 Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.
- 128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

*PE Mirabilia*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.
- 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 second book of the prophet Samuel:*

Then the king said to Joab, "Very well, I grant this; go, bring back the young man Absalom." Joab prostrated himself with his face to the ground and did obeisance, and blessed the king; and Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord the king, in that the king has granted the request of his servant." So Joab set off, went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. The king said, "Let him go to his own house; he is not to come into my presence." So Absalom went to his own house, and did not come into the king's presence. Now in all Israel there was no one to be praised so much for his beauty as Absalom; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. When he cut the hair of his head (for at the end of every year he used to cut it; when it was heavy on him, he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head, two hundred shekels by the king's weight. There were born to Absalom three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar; she was a beautiful woman. So Absalom lived two

full years in Jerusalem, without coming into the king's presence. Then Absalom sent for Joab to send him to the king; but Joab would not come to him. He sent a second time, but Joab would not come. Then he said to his servants, "Look, Joab's field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab rose and went to Absalom at his house, and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?" Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent word to you: Come here, that I may send you to the king with the question, 'Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still.' Now let me go into the king's presence; if there is guilt in me, let him kill me!" Then Joab went to the king and told him; and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and prostrated himself with his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

*Here ends the lesson.*

*Said together in unison*

**MAGNIFICAT**

**M**y 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.

*A reading from the Gospel of John:*

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” -- although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized-- he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of

water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

*Here ends the lesson.*

*Said together in unison*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

The Song of Simeon

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.

*Said together in unison*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.

*Assembly* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All*

**O**ur 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.

*Officiant*  
*Assembly*

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, St. John, and all your saints, entrusting one another  
and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**G**rant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**G**od of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **COLLECT FOR MISSION**

**K**eeep 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.**

#### **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS & PETITIONS**

*The assembly is invited to make additional prayer requests.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**A**lmighty 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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Cantor or Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## THE GRACE

**T**he grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## DEPARTING HYMN

*The Lord is My Light*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my  
light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and  
my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear.

Words: Psalm 27:1

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