



# Evening Prayer in time of Pandemic

*from the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II*

June 3, 2020, 5:00 p.m.  
*Summer Ember Wednesday*

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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 49 *Audite haec, omnes*

- 1      Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
            you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2      My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
            and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3      I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
            and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4      Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
            when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5      The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
            and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, \*  
who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  
are like the beasts that perish.

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 book of the book of Deuteronomy*

If prophets or those who divine by dreams appear among you and promise you omens or portents, and the omens or the portents declared by them take place, and they say, “Let us follow other gods” (whom you have not known) “and let us serve them,” you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul. The LORD your God you shall follow, him alone you shall fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice you shall obey, him you shall serve, and to him you shall hold fast. But those prophets or those who divine by dreams shall be put to death for having spoken treason against the LORD your God—who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery—to turn you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. If anyone secretly entices you—even if it is your brother,

your father’s son or your mother’s son, or your own son or daughter, or the wife you embrace, or your most intimate friend-- saying, “Let us go worship other gods,” whom neither you nor your ancestors have known, any of the gods of the peoples that are around you, whether near you or far away from you, from one end of the earth to the other, you must not yield to or heed any such persons. Show them no pity or compassion and do not shield them. But you shall surely kill them; your own hand shall be first against them to execute them, and afterwards the hand of all the people. Stone them to death for trying to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Then all Israel shall hear and be afraid, and never again do any such wickedness.

*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 book of Matthew*

**A**t that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and

she pleased Herod so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

*Here ends the lesson.*

*Said together in unison*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

## The Song of Simeon

**L**ord, 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**

**A**lmighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO MINISTER TO THEM**

**G**racious God, source of life and health: Send your Spirit to those who are ill and all who minister to them; that when the sick enter your peace, they may offer thanks to your Great Name, through Jesus Christ who came to our disordered world to make your people whole. **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 any additional prayer requests, silently or aloud.*

## 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*