

## Wednesday Evening Prayer

January 20, 2021

Evening Prayer: Rite Two

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*The Officiant begins the service with*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:2)

The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*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.

*The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said.*

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 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 Psalms

Psalm 119

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.
- 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.
- 29 Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.
- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.
- 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.
- 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

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 First Lesson

*One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (44:24-45:7)

“Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfills the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, "It shall be inhabited," and of the cities of Judah, "They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins" who says to the deep, "Be dry-- I will dry up your rivers" who says of Cyrus, "He is my

shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose" and who says of Jerusalem, "It shall be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid." Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose

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right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things."

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

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.

## The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5:1-14)

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that

becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

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.

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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*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.

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.

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

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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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
We entreat you, O Lord.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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### A Collect for the Presence of Christ

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 you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

### Collect for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem. Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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*The Officiant may then add the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/20/21

For the time being there will be no in-person Worship at the church because of the COVID pandemic. The 10:15 service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.

The Vestry will present the 2021 Annual Budget at a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. It will be available via Zoom. Please send Ginger your current email address.

**Bible Study** is being offered on **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.** on Zoom. Please let Mother Marjorie know right away if you would like to participate. Call her at 304-679-7381. She can email you a link for the Zoom meeting.

**Please 'share' our 10:15 Sunday service on Facebook with all your friends!** We have been getting so many good remarks lately. Your efforts to help in this way might just be *very meaningful* to someone with whom you 'share' it. Set up a 'watch party' and share it with your friends live. We guarantee it's much more uplifting than reading the Sunday paper!

**We ask you to remember in your prayers** all our older parishioners, those who live alone, and those who have health issues that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19. Pray also for the clergy and staff, the vestry, the rummage room workers, the altar guild, the work crew, and the food pantry volunteers who continue to serve as best they can in these vital ministries. Please prayerfully consider how else you might be able to safely support Good Shepherd in this time.

**Live-streaming on Facebook:** If you need any help with participating in our Wednesday Evening Prayer service or Sunday services, please contact Mother Marjorie at 304-679-7381. She would be happy to help set you up to participate as fully as possible in worship.

