



# Evening Prayer

*from the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II*

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 6:30 p.m.  
*The Eve of Thanksgiving*

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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 128 *Beati omnes*

- 1      Happy are they all who fear the LORD, \*  
              and who follow in his ways!
- 2      You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
              happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3      Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
              your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4      The man who fears the LORD \*  
              shall thus indeed be blessed.

- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

**PSALM 129**

*Sæpe expugnaverunt*

- 1 Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth”, \*  
but they have not prevailed against me.”
- 3 The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.
- 4 The LORD, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.
- 6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  
which withers before it can be plucked;
- 7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;
- 8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. \*  
We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”
- 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 the Prophet Obadiah:*

**F**or the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of

Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it. And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

*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.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 19:23-30*

*A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:*

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

*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**

**A**lmighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season  
and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your  
great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory  
of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **ever. Amen.**

#### **COLLECT FOR PROTECTION**

**G**od, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor,  
and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly  
beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning  
hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. 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.**

#### **A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon  
us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

*Assembly* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Officiant*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*Assembly*

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **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

*East Aclam*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,  
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,  
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
 God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing  
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in  
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests  
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 love has found us, thanks be to God.