

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Thursday after the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

*Psalm 74:15,16*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

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*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.

## **O Gracious Light**

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.

## **Psalm 140**

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Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
Who devise evil in their hearts \*  
and stir up strife all day long.  
They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; \*  
adder's poison is under their lips.  
Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to trip me up.  
The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a net of cords; \*  
they have set traps for me along the path.  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; \*  
listen, O LORD, to my supplication.  
O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, \*  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.  
Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, \*  
nor let their evil plans prosper.  
Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; \*  
let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.  
Let hot burning coals fall upon them; \*  
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again."  
A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, \*  
and evil shall hunt down the lawless.  
I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor \*  
and render justice to the needy.  
Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, \*  
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

I cry to the LORD with my voice; \*  
to the LORD I make loud supplication.  
I pour out my complaint before him \*  
and tell him all my trouble.  
When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.  
I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \*  
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.  
I cry out to you, O LORD; \*  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."  
Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.  
Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; \*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.  
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****The First Lesson****John 10:19-42**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Again the Jews were divided because of these words. Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, **‘I** said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called **‘gods’**—and the scripture cannot be annulled— can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, **‘I** am God’s Son? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe

me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **11. The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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**

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**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.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:  
Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that,  
among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where  
true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Seasonal Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all  
who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting  
our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Aid against Perils**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, 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.

### **A Prayer for Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship  
you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere  
love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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*