

## Evening Prayer

### The Third Sunday of Easter

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

*Psalm 139:10,11*

### 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.  
Alleluia.

### 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 114****BCP p. 756**

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?  
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**Psalm 115****BCP p. 757**

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.  
Why should the heathen say, \*  
"Where then is their God?"  
Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.  
Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;  
They have ears but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;  
They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.  
Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.  
O Israel, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.  
O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.  
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.  
The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;  
He will bless those who fear the LORD, \*  
both small and great together.  
May the LORD increase you more and more, \*  
you and your children after you.  
May you be blessed by the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S, \*  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.  
The dead do not praise the LORD, \*  
nor all those who go down into silence;  
But we will bless the LORD, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!  
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 Lesson**

## **1 John 2:7-17**

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **15. The Song of Mary**

## ***Luke 1:46-55***

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 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 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.

### Suffrages A

**V.** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R.** And grant us your salvation.  
**V.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R.** Let your people sing with joy.  
**V.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.** For only in you can we live in safety.  
**V.** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R.** And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
**V.** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R.** Your saving health among all nations.  
**V.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R.** Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**V.** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R.** And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Prayer 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.**

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

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. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*