

Wednesday of Proper 12 in Year 1  
Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Psalm 96:9

### **Versicle and Response**

O God, make speed to save us.

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.

### **Invitatory**

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**

#### **Psalm 119: 73 - 96**

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me;\*  
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.  
74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me,\*  
because I trust in your word.  
75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right\*  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort,\*  
as you have promised to your servant.  
77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live,\*  
for your law is my delight.  
78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies;\*  
but I will meditate on your commandments.  
79 Let those who fear you turn to me,\*  
and also those who know your decrees.  
80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes,\*  
that I may not be put to shame.

81 I have put my hope in your word.  
82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise,\*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"  
83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke,\*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.  
84 How much longer must I wait?\*when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?  
85 The proud have dug pits for me;\*  
they do not keep your law.  
86 All your commandments are true;\*  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.  
87 They had almost made an end of me on earth,\*  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.  
88 In your loving-kindness, revive me,\*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.  
89 O LORD, your word is everlasting;\*  
it stands firm in the heavens.  
90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;\*  
you established the earth, and it abides.  
91 By your decree these continue to this day,\*  
for all things are your servants.  
92 If my delight had not been in your law,\*  
I should have perished in my affliction.  
93 I will never forget your commandments,\*  
because by them you give me life.  
94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!\*for I study your commandments.  
95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me,\*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.  
96 I see that all things come to an end,\*  
but your commandment has no bounds.  
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.

## Reading

### Mark 6:47-56

47 When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. 49 But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' 51 Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

### Canticle 15

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 Apostle's 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 Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
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**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us your salvation.  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
Let your people sing with joy.  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 12**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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.

**Prayers and Intercessions**

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

**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.

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Ephesians 3:20,21