

## Evening Prayer

### Friday after the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

*Psalm 16:7,8*

### 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 107: Part I

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.  
He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.  
They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.  
Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  
bound fast in misery and iron;  
Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  
and despised the counsel of the Most High.  
So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  
they stumbled, and there was none to help.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  
and broke their bonds asunder.  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  
and breaks in two the iron bars.  
Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.  
Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;  
They beheld the works of the LORD \*  
and his wonders in the deep.  
Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.  
They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.  
Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.  
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**

### **Acts 7:17-29**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

“But as the time drew near for the fulfillment of the promise that God had made to Abraham, our people in Egypt increased and multiplied until another king who had not known Joseph ruled over Egypt. He dealt craftily with our race and forced our ancestors to abandon their infants so that they would die. At this time Moses was born, and he was beautiful before God. For three months he was brought up in his father’s house; and when he was abandoned, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his words and deeds. “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his relatives, the Israelites. When he saw one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his kinsfolk would understand that God through him was rescuing them, but they did not understand. The next day he came to some of them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, Men, you are brothers; why do you wrong each other?’ But the man who was wronging his neighbor pushed Moses aside, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ When he heard this, Moses fled and became a resident alien in the land of Midian. There he became the father of two sons.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **13. A Song of Praise**

### ***Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34***

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### **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 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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Fridays

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*