

Thursday Year 1 Proper 16  
Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

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

### **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.

### **Psalms**

#### **Psalm 18: Part II**

21 The Lord rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; \*  
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord \*  
and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, \*  
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him \*  
and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my  
righteous dealing, \*  
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; \*  
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, \*  
but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, \*  
but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; \*  
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the Lord? \*  
who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength \*  
and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle \*  
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; \*  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, \*  
and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; \*  
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; \*  
they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; \*  
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;  
you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me;  
they cry out, but there is none to help them; \*  
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; \*  
I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; \*  
you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me;  
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; \*  
strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; \*  
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The Lord lives! Blessed is my Rock! \*  
Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory \*  
and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;  
you exalted me above those who rose against me; \*  
you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O Lord, \*  
and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; \*  
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants 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.

## **Reading**

### **Mark 14:12-26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread\* into the bowl\* with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of

them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the\* covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 17**

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.

### **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**

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.

### **Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 16**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For Protection**

O God, 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 you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Mission**

Keep 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.

## **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.

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