

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday after the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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 78: Part II

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How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness \*  
and offended him in the desert!  
Again and again they tempted God \*  
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.  
They did not remember his power \*  
in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;  
How he wrought his signs in Egypt \*  
and his omens in the field of Zoan.  
He turned their rivers into blood, \*  
so that they could not drink of their streams.  
He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, \*  
and frogs, which destroyed them.  
He gave their crops to the caterpillar, \*  
the fruit of their toil to the locust.  
He killed their vines with hail \*  
and their sycamores with frost.  
He delivered their cattle to hailstones \*  
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.  
He poured out upon them his blazing anger: \*  
fury, indignation, and distress,  
a troop of destroying angels.  
He gave full rein to his anger;  
he did not spare their souls from death; \*  
but delivered their lives to the plague.  
He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.  
He led out his people like sheep \*  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.  
He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; \*  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.  
He brought them to his holy land, \*  
the mountain his right hand had won.

He drove out the Canaanites before them  
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; \*  
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.  
But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, \*  
and did not keep his commandments.  
They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; \*  
they were undependable like a warped bow.  
The Lord grieved him with their hill-altars \*  
they provoked his displeasure with their idols.  
When God heard this, he was angry \*  
and utterly rejected Israel.  
He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, \*  
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.  
He delivered the ark into captivity, \*  
his glory into the adversary's hand.  
He gave his people to the sword \*  
and was angered against his inheritance.  
The fire consumed their young men; \*  
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.  
Their priests fell by the sword, \*  
and their widows made no lamentation.  
Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, \*  
like a warrior refreshed with wine.  
He struck his enemies on the backside \*  
and put them to perpetual shame.  
He rejected the tent of Joseph \*  
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;  
He chose instead the tribe of Judah \*  
and Mount Zion, which he loved.  
He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, \*  
like the earth which he founded for ever.  
He chose David his servant, \*  
and took him away from the sheepfolds.  
He brought him from following the ewes, \*  
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people  
and over Israel his inheritance.  
So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart \*  
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.  
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**

**Mark 9:42-50**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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, 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**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Collect 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.

### **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 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.

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*