Evening Prayer

Monday after the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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 89: Part II

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You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong. No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down. I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name. I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River. He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.' I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth. I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven." "If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments; If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments; I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash; But I will not take my love from him, *

nor let my faithfulness prove false.

nor change what has gone out of my lips. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * 'I will not lie to David. His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me; It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky." But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him. You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground. You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins. All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors. You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice. You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle. You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground. You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame. How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire? Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh. Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave? Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness? Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples, The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed. Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen. 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.

I will not break my covenant, *

The Lessons

The First Lesson Mark 11:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, Go into the village ahead of you, and

immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, What are you doing, untying the colt? They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Aid against Perils

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. 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