

## Evening Prayer

### Saturday after the First Sunday after the Epiphany

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*

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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 110

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The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."  
The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.  
Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning."  
The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  
he will rule over the nations.  
[He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads over the wide earth.  
He will drink from the brook beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift high his head.]

## Psalm 116

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I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.  
The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”  
Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.  
The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.  
For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.  
I believed, even when I said,  
“I have been brought very low.” \*  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”  
How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.  
O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the LORD’S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## Psalm 117

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Praise the LORD, all you nations; \*  
    laud him, all you peoples.  
For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
    and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.  
    Hallelujah!  
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

Heb. 4:1-13

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “As in my anger I swore, “They shall not enter my rest,”” though his works were finished at the foundation of the world. For in one place it speaks about the seventh day as follows, “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this place it says, “They shall not enter my rest.” Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he sets a certain day—“today” —saying through David much later, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day. So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labors as God did from his.

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs. Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### 9. The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
    and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
    from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 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**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer 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.

**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.

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*