

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday after the First 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 10

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Why do you stand so far off, O LORD, \*  
and hide yourself in time of trouble?  
The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, \*  
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.  
The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse and revile the LORD.  
The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is, "God does not matter."  
Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.  
They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."  
Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.  
They lurk in ambush in public squares  
and in secret places they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.  
They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.  
The innocent are broken and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.  
They say in their heart, "God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice."  
Rise up, O LORD;  
lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.  
Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?  
Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it and take it into your own hand.

The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.  
Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness until you find none.  
The LORD is King for ever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish from his land.  
The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;  
To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, \*  
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

## **Psalm 11**

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In the LORD have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me,  
“Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;  
For see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.  
When the foundations are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?”  
The LORD is in his holy temple; \*  
the LORD’S throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.  
The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, \*  
but those who delight in violence he abhors.  
Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.  
For the LORD is righteous;  
he delights in righteous deeds; \*  
and the just shall see his face.  
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 1:14-28**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, **¶**‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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**

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 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 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.

*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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20,21*