

## Evening Prayer

### Saturday after the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

*Psalm 96:9*

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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.

### 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 42

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As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”  
I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him,  
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
 in the night season his song is with me,  
 a prayer to the God of my life.  
 I will say to the God of my strength,  
 "Why have you forgotten me? \*  
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"  
 While my bones are being broken, \*  
 my enemies mock me to my face;  
 All day long they mock me \*  
 and say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him,  
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

### **Psalm 43**

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Give judgment for me, O God,  
 and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
 deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.  
 For you are the God of my strength;  
 why have you put me from you? \*  
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?  
 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
 and bring me to your holy hill  
 and to your dwelling;  
 That I may go to the altar of God,  
 to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
 and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.  
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him,  
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
 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**

**2 Cor. 4:13-18**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **17. The Song of Simeon**

***Luke 2:29-32***

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 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**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Seasonal Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 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, 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.

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

*Ephesians 3:20,21*