

Evening Prayer

Tuesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm 96:9

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.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
 let those who hate him flee before him.
 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
 let them also be merry and joyful.
 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
 God in his holy habitation!
 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
 when you marched through the wilderness,
 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.
 Your people found their home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
 The Lord gave the word; *
 great was the company of women who bore the tidings:
 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; *
 the women at home are dividing the spoils.”
 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, *
 you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green
 gold.
 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
 it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! *
 O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!
 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting
 place? *
 truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.
 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; *
 the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your
 enemies, *
 that the LORD God might dwell among them.
 Blessed be the Lord day by day, *
 the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.
 He is our God, the God of our salvation; *
 God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.
 [God shall crush the heads of his enemies, *
 and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.
 The Lord has said, “I will bring them back from Bashan; *
 I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;
 That your foot may be dipped in blood, *
 the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies.”]

They see your procession, O God; *
 your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.
 The singers go before, musicians follow after, *
 in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.
 Bless God in the congregation; *
 bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.
 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; *
 and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.
 Send forth your strength, O God; *
 establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.
 Kings shall bring gifts to you, *
 for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.
 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, *
 and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.
 Trample down those who lust after silver; *
 scatter the peoples that delight in war.
 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; *
 let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
 sing praises to the Lord.
 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
 Ascribe power to God; *
 his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be 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

Luke 8:1-15

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that

they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10. The Second Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
 and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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.

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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 [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

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 or 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. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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