

## Evening Prayer

### Friday after Pentecost

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:2*

### 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 35

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Fight those who fight me, O LORD; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.  
Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.  
Draw the sword and bar the way against those who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."  
Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.  
Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the LORD drive them away.  
Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.  
For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.  
Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid; let them fall into the pit they dug.  
Then I will be joyful in the LORD; \*  
I will glory in his victory.  
My very bones will say, "LORD, who is like you? \*  
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from  
those who rob them."  
Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.  
They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.  
But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting.  
I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.  
But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; \*  
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.  
They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.  
O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.  
I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.  
Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  
nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.  
For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.  
They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  
"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."  
You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.  
Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!  
Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.  
Do not let them say in their hearts, "Aha! just what we want!" \*  
Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.  
Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  
let them say always, "Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant."  
And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  
and of your praise all the day long.  
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**

**1 Tim. 5:17-25**

### **A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.**

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching; for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves to be paid." Never accept any accusation against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest also may stand in fear. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels, I warn you to keep these instructions without prejudice, doing nothing on the basis of partiality. Do not ordain anyone hastily, and do not participate in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgment, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **13. A Song of Praise**

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for 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**

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; 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 Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **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 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.**

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*