

Friday – Year 1 Proper 26  
Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. Psalm 16:7,8

### **Versicle and Response**

O God, make speed to save us.

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.

### **Invitatory**

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.

### **Psalms**

**73**

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud \*  
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  
you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, \*  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, \*

and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

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.

### **Reading**

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 17**

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 Apostle's Creed**

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 Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
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**

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.

### **Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 26**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

### **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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.

### **Benediction**

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