

Thursday – Year 1 Proper 27  
Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15,16

### **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**

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1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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 16:1-12**

The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus\* they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. He answered them, ‘When it is evening, you say, “It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.” And in the morning, “It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.” You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.\* An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.’ Then he left them and went away.

When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’ They said to one another, ‘It is because we have brought no bread.’ And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, ‘You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!’ Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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 27**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **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.

### **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. 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.

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