

## Evening Prayer

### Monday after the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

### 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 106: Part II

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Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;  
And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.  
They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,  
Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.  
So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.  
They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.  
They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.  
So he lifted his hand against them, \*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,  
To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.  
They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.  
They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.  
Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.  
This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.  
Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;  
For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.  
They did not destroy the peoples \*  
as the LORD had commanded them.  
They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,  
So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.  
They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.  
They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.  
Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.  
Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people \*  
and he abhorred his inheritance.  
He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \*  
and those who hated them ruled over them.  
Their enemies oppressed them, \*  
and they were humbled under their hand.  
Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, \*  
and were brought down in their iniquity.

Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \*  
when he heard their lamentation.  
He remembered his covenant with them \*  
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.  
He caused them to be pitied \*  
by those who held them captive.  
Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, \*  
that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.  
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; \*  
and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!  
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 Lesson**

**Matt. 19:1-12**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.

Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?" He said to them, "It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery." His disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **8. The Song of Moses**

***Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18***

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
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 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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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*