

Friday Year 1 Proper 17  
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**

#### **35**

1 Fight those who fight me, O Lord; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against those  
who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid;  
let them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the Lord; \*  
I will glory in his victory.

10 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."

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting;

14 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.

15 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.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts,  
and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  
nor let those who hate me without a cause  
wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the  
quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, \*

"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."

22 You saw it, O Lord; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O Lord my God,  
according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts,  
"Aha! just what we want!" \*  
Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with  
dismay and shame.

27 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."

28 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.

## Reading

Mark 15:22-32

Then they brought Jesus\* to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.\* Those who passed by derided\* him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah,\* the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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 17**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.

### **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