Monday Year 1 Proper 20 Evening Prayer

Opening Sentence

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

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

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; * my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder, and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night; * I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? * has his promise failed for evermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the Lord, * and call to mind your wonders of old time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

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- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.
- 10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.
- 11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.
- 12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.
- 13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

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 5:21-26

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,* you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult* a brother or sister,* you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell* of fire. So when you are offering your gift at

the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister* has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister,* and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court* with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: Proper 20

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your

holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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