

EVENING PRAYER

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:

People: *Almighty and most merciful Father, we thank you that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our careless attitudes toward your presence, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, and our envy of those who have more than us. Forgive us for our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Change us by your Holy Spirit. And enable us to change our ways, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION.)

Leader: May 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.

People: *Amen.*

(ALL STAND)

Leader: 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.

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(PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER SINGING.)

PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

THE PSALM IS READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE. AT THE END ALL SAY TOGETHER:

People: *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.*

GOSPEL LESSON

THE APPOINTED GOSPEL IS READ. AT THE END IS SAID:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to you, Lord Christ.*

(ALL STAND)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*



THE PRAYERS

Leader: Let us pray:

People: *Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Leader: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful, and that your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

Leader: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

Leader: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

Leader: 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,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

(SAID IN UNISON)

Mondays - [A Collect for Peace]

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, 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.

Tuesdays - [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.

Wednesdays - [A Collect 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.

Thursdays - [A Collect for the Presence of Christ]

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Fridays - [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.

COLLECT FOR MISSION

(SAID IN UNISON)

[Monday and Thursday]

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.

[Wednesday]

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

[Tuesday and Friday]

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.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY - (PERSONAL INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS.)

ALL OTHER DAYS - (PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE.)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you;

People: *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.*

(ALL STAND)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

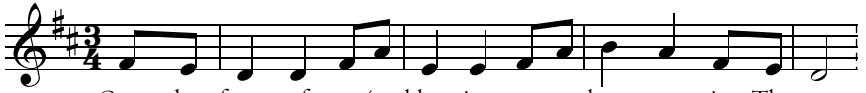
People: *Amen.*

HYMNS

VENITE (PSALM 95)

Come let us si - ng to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion Let us come be - fore his
pres - ence with thanks giving, and raise a loud
shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a gre-at God,
and a great King a - bove all gods. In his hand are the
cav-erns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his
al - so. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
mol - ded the dry land. Come, let us bow
down and bend the knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our
Ma - ker, For he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand. oh that to -
day you would heark - en to his voice!

COME, THOU FOUNT



1. Come thou fount of ev-ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, hi - ther by Thy help I'm come,
3. O to grace, how great a debt - or, dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope by Thy good plea - sure safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wand - ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.



Praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
Here to res - cue me from dang - er in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.

||: Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove. :||
 (REPEAT)

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EVENINGS - PHOS HILARON (O GRACIOUS LIGHT)



O gra-cious li - gh - t, pure bri-ght-ness of

4 the ev - er li - ving fa-ther in hea - ven;

7 O Je - sus Christ_ Ho - ly and ble - ssed

10 _ Now_ as we come to the set-ting

13 of the sun and our eyes be - hold the ves-per

16 light we sing your prai-ses, O God: Fa-ther,

19 2 Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit. You are wor-thy

22 at all times to be praised by ha-ppy voi -

25 ces, O Son of God, O Gi - ver of life_

28 _ and to be glo-ri-fied through all the worlds.