

Evening Prayer
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Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near.

(Isaiah 55.6)

Then Psalm 67 is said or sung

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
As in the beginning so now: and forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 33:4-11

For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.

**He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

**He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

**For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.**

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

**But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.**

**Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
As in the beginning so now: and forever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Here ends the Reading.

Thanks be to God.

The Hymn to the Word

John 1.1-5, 10-14, 16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Here ends the Reading.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Mark 4:13-20

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

Here ends the Reading.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon

Lord now you let your servant go in peace:

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation:

which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

a light to reveal you • to the nations:

and the glory of your people Israel.

We share reflections on the day's scripture and readings.

What do you notice?

What is speaking to you?

What difference does it make?

How does Scripture inform your life?

The Prayers

Officiant Lord, have mercy on us.

People **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, your justice continually challenges your Church to live according to its calling: Grant us who now remember the work of John Wyclif contrition for the wounds which our sins inflict on your Church, and such love for Christ that we may seek to heal the divisions which afflict his Body; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: 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.**

*We offer intercessions and thanksgivings from our heart
either silently or aloud or in the chat function.*

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Bill, Bruna, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, Dave, John DeNatale, Peggy Elkins, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Harvey Jacobvitz, Jeffrey, Jerry, John, Debra Katt-Lloyd, Linda Leavis, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Nancy McAllister, Melissa, Becky Miller, Jennifer Morrell, Marcia Muir, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, LeighAnn O'Neill, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Kirk Ronaldson, Linda Shapiro, Carol Slaughter, Bill & Jan Walsh, and Kelly Wood.

Creator Lord, you have driven away the darkness of ignorance by the light of your Word: increase our faith and understanding, and grant that no temptation may stifle the love kindled in us by your Holy Spirit's power; hear us, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**
Officiant: Let us praise the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word. **Amen.**

2 Thessalonians 2.16-17