

**Evening Prayer**  
**May 7, 2025**  
**Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter**

Julian of Norwich

*[http://satucket.com/lectionary/Julian\\_Norwich.htm](http://satucket.com/lectionary/Julian_Norwich.htm)*

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**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

**O Gracious Light**

Light of the world, in grace and beauty, Mirror of God's eternal face,  
Transparent flame of love's free duty, You bring salvation to our race.

Now, as we see the lights of evening, We raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
Worthy are you of endless blessing, Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

**Psalm 119: He**

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Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

**Psalm 119: Waw**

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Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.

**Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.**

Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.

**I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.**

I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.

**I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.**

I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.

**I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.**

**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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

1 John 5:1-12

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Second Lesson

Luke 4:38-44

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose." So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

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**Canticle S. A Song of Our True Nature.      Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

**Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.**

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

**God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.**

We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.

**And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.**

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

**Commemoration-Julian of Norwich**

*Many have found strength in the words the Lord had given her:*

*"I can make all things well; I will make all things well; I shall make all things well;  
and thou canst see for thyself that all manner of things shall be well"*

**The Apostles' Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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        Hear our cry, O God.  
People            **And listen to our prayer.**  
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 B

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 Julian of  
Norwich and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of  
bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming  
work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Commemoration Prayer: Julian of Norwich**

Triune God, Father and Mother to us all, who showed your servant Julian  
revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to  
seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. Amen.

### **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.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon  
us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace  
may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Annie Barr, Bob, Bruna, Heather Cameron, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Mary Collins, Ann Daily, Dave, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Steve Eramo, David Fieldhouse, Peter Foley, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Devon Hoyt, Jeffrey, Pete Jeffrey, Jack Jephson, Jerry, Jordan, John & Theresa Kelly, Ken Leach, Fred MacArthur, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Suzanne McAllister, Don McCarter, Becky Miller, Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Paul, Brian & Stephen, Steve Newman, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, PJ, Dustin Pollard, Tony R., Rebecca, Kirk Ronaldson, Cheryl Santarelli, Trudy, Bill & Jan Walsh and Kelly Wood.

I ask your prayers for the completed lives of whom we have been praying. May Nancy Joyce and the souls of all the dearly departed, rest in peace.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**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. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*