Evening Prayer

November 25, 2026

Wednesday after the Last Sunday after Pentecost

James Otis Sargent Huntington
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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 of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our Lord 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, 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.
Alleluia.

O Gracious Light

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.

Psalm 130 **BCP p. 784**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 34 *Benedicam Dominum*

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!**

**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

A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

[14]May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which* the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. [15]For* neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! [16]As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.* Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

H. A Song of Hosea *Hosea 6:1-3*

Come, let us return to our God, *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, *
like spring rains that water the earth.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. [36]But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. [37]Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; [38]for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

17. The Song of Simeon ***Luke 2:29-32***

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.

Reflections: James Otis Sargent Huntington

James Sargent, born in Boston in 1854 was the founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, the first permanent Episcopal monastic community for men in the US. He wrote: "Holiness is the brightness of divine love, and love is never idle; it must accomplish great things'. Commitment to active ministry rooted in the spiritual life was his guiding principle.

He graduated from Harvard, studied theology at St.Andrew's Divinity School, Syracuse University and was ordained a deacon and a priest by his father, the first Bishop of Central NY. In 1880 he ministered to a working class congregation in Syracuse, and later began his common life ministry at the Holy Cross Mission on New York's lower east side among poor immigrants

with the Sisters of St. John the Baptist. He continued his work with immigrants, focusing on helping young people and became increasing committed to the social witness of the church. His early involvements in the single -tax movement and the labor union movement were instrumental to the eventual commitment of the Episcopal Church to social ministries.

An active reformer on New York City's Lower East Side with an enduring sense of social responsibility, Fr. Huntington had both courage and foresight. He understood the role prayer and contemplation could play in sustaining social justice efforts

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 do any of these readings, or the work of James Huntington impact your life today?

The Apostles' Creed **BCP p. 96**

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 Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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 James Huntington and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Commemoration: James Huntington

Preserve your people, O God, from discouragement in the face of adversity, as you did your servant James Huntington, knowing that when you have begun a good work you will bring it to completion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **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: Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Camilla and Kelley, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Wallie Cook, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Olivia, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Sheila and Josh, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

A General Thanksgiving *(1979 Version)*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

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.
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