Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer (*Enriching Our Worship*)

November 4, 2026

Adeline Blanchard Tyler (1805-1875) was the first Episcopal deaconess.
Along with Caroline (Carrie) Elizabeth Guild, Eveline Black, and Catherine Minard

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
(Psalm 16: 7, 8)

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 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.

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 103:1-6

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

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

The Lessons

The First Lesson **Isaiah 58:1-8**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
  and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
  and satisfy your needs in parched places,
  and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
  like a spring of water,
  whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
  you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
  the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Canticle C. The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2:1-8

My heart exults in you, O God; *
  my triumph song is lifted in you.
My mouth derides my enemies, *
  for I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like you, *
  nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.
Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; *
  Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.
The bows of the mighty are broken, *
  but the weak are clothed in strength.
Those once full now labor for bread, *
  those who hungered now are well fed.
The childless woman has borne sevenfold, *
  while the mother of many is forlorn.

**God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; *
  gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.**
God raises the poor from the dust; *
  and lifts the needy from the ash heap
**To make them sit with the rulers *
  and inherit a place of honor.**
For the pillars of the earth are God's *
  on which the whole earth is founded.

The Second Lesson **Matthew 14:13-21**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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Canticle F. A Song of Lamentation
Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26

Lamentation:
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? *
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me, *
inflicted by God's fierce anger.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
wormwood and gall!

Response:
**The steadfast love of God never ceases, *
God's mercies never end.**
**They are new every morning; *
great is your faithfulness.**
**"God is my portion," says my soul, *
"therefore will I hope in God."**
**It is good that we should wait quietly *
for the coming of God's salvation.**

Decades before American nursing was institutionalized through professional schools, Mrs. Adaline Blanchard Tyler was practicing medicine with moral rigor and precision. In 1853, a widow in her 40s in Boston, Tyler became a deaconess in the Episcopal Church. She then traveled to Kaiserswerth, Germany, to receive medical training at the same Deaconess Institute that produced Florence Nightingale. Tyler's

international nursing education became immediately useful as the crisis emerged in the United States.

In 1861, Tyler was head of a church-funded infirmary in Baltimore. She was completing her weekly "errands of mercy" to visit local prisons when news reached her of a riot unfolding. On April 19, just days after the fall of Fort Sumter, a clash occurred between pro-Confederate civilians and Union troops traveling through Maryland, and Tyler found herself immersed in the aftermath of an urban battlefield. Moved by reports of wounded Union soldiers, Tyler attempted to enter the Station House to provide aid. She was initially denied access by local authorities but eventually secured permission to transfer the injured to the Deaconesses' Home. There, she called for a surgeon and directed treating the injured with "the care and kindness of a mother." (from The Civil War Monitor)

We share reflections on the day's scripture and readings.
What do you notice?
What is speaking to you?
What difference does it make?

On a personal note: to what act of service, large or small, is God calling you in this next week? If you are moved to share, feel free so that we may pray with you; if not, there is no pressure. This question is between you and God.

The Apostles' 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 Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

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 A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Collect for Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions
Merciful God, who endowed Adeline and her companions with faith and courage, wisdom and humility, and called them to serve you as deaconesses, ministering to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor: By your grace, grant that we, following their example, may live to serve you as they did, revealing your steadfast love to the world, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against Perils
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.**

A Prayer for Mission
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **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: Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Ally Bush, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Chris Kelsey, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara

Murphy, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Keith Santarelli, Sheila and Josh, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

A General Thanksgiving (1979 Version) BCP p. 836

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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Romans 15:13