

# Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

October 7, 2020

Note: *Italicized text in red is to be said by all the people.*

## Officiant:

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name.  
Amos 5:8

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

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

(Silence may be kept.)

Officiant and People together,

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant

O God make speed to save us.

People

*O Lord make haste to help us.*

Officiant and 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.*

### **O Gracious Light (Phos hilaron)**

*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.*

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

### Psalm 128

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.
- <sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- <sup>4</sup> Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- <sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

### Psalm 129

- <sup>1</sup> "Often have they attacked me from my youth" — let Israel now say —
- <sup>2</sup> "often have they attacked me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.
- <sup>3</sup> The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long."
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward.
- <sup>6</sup> Let them be like the grass on the housetops that withers before it grows up,
- <sup>7</sup> with which reapers do not fill their hands or binders of sheaves their arms,

<sup>8</sup> while those who pass by do not say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

## **Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

*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 Lesson or Lessons**

### **The New Testament**

#### **Acts 23:23-35**

Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, "Get ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take

him safely to Felix the governor." He wrote a letter to this effect:

"Claudius Lysias to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, but when I had learned that he was a Roman citizen, I came with the guard and rescued him. Since I wanted to know the charge for which they accused him, I had him brought to their council. I found that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but was charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him."

So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him during the night to Antipatris. The next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. On reading the letter, he asked what province he belonged to, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive." Then he ordered that he be kept under guard in Herod's headquarters.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gospel**

### **Luke 7:18-35**

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'"

Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

"To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and

sinner!' Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

*Thanks be to God.*

**BRIEF HOMILY** by Officiant

**The Song of Mary (Magnificat) Luke 1:46-55**

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit  
rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
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 Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*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.*

### Suffrages

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.*

### A Collect for Peace

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 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.

### 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.

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.

### A Prayer of St Chrysostom

*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