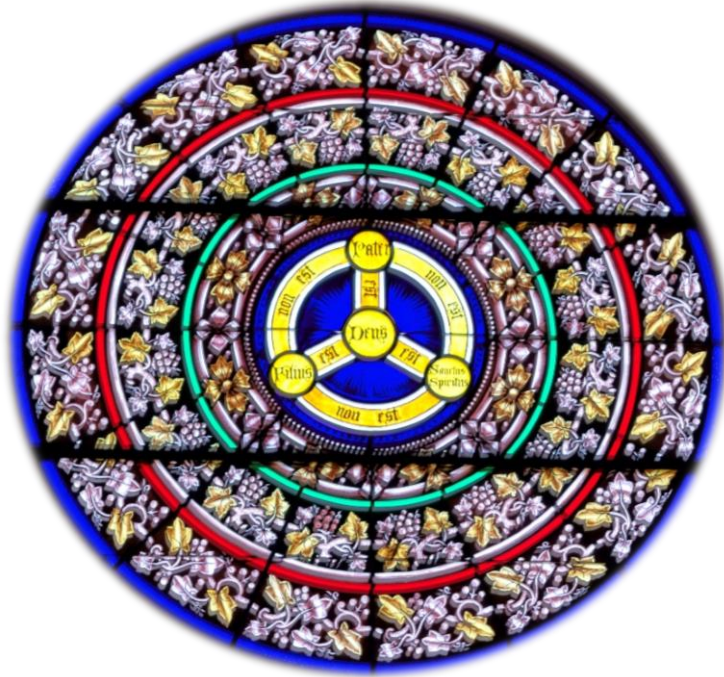


# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## Evening Prayer



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## EVENING PRAYER

*Officiant:* If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.

*All:* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

### **O Gracious Light**

*Phos hilaron*

*Reader1:* 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 139**

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*Reader 2:* 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to  
be like yours.

*All:*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Prov 4:7-18

*Reader 3:* A Reading from Proverbs.

- <sup>7</sup> The beginning of wisdom is this: get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight.
- <sup>8</sup> Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.
- <sup>9</sup> She will place on your head a fair garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”
- <sup>10</sup> Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.
- <sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- <sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.
- <sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- <sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.
- <sup>16</sup> For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- <sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.
- <sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

## The Song of Mary

*Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Reader 1:* 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.

*All:*           **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson**

**John 12:20-26**

*Reader 2:*

The Holy Gospel According to John.

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

*Reader:*           Here ends the Lesson.

*All:*               **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis*

*Reader 3:* 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.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Group Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant:* 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.

## Suffrages A

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*All:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*All:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*All:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*All:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon the earth;

*All:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*All:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*All:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Officiant:* That those who are in need of healing, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can find hope in the healing power of God, especially:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Sandralee Abrahamson      | Peg Rhode |
| David Bachhuber           | Tim       |
| Phil and Bonnie Bachhuber | Jan B     |
| The Rev Rodger Patience   | Jessie    |
| Judy Cook                 | Jim       |
| Chris C                   | Andy H    |
| Ken Boeder                | Cheryl J  |
| Rebecca Gray              | Roger     |
| Grace Keach               | Louise    |
| Wayne Keach               | Dan P     |
| Donna Wilhelms            | Eric      |
| Lorraine Lassila          | Frank     |
| Harriet Nord              | Graham    |
| Linda Gilbertson          | Kimberly  |
| Earnest Hooks             | Ed B      |
| Lydia Respalje            | Shelley E |
| Mary Beth Molitor         | Lois B    |

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Peter Molitor            | Lori S |
| Matthew Molitor          | Sandy  |
| Janelle Anderson         | Tammy  |
| Richard Herren           | Cathy  |
| Marie F                  | Jane H |
| Jerry F                  |        |
| Ann Bullis               |        |
| Zack Forest and Family   |        |
| Victims of war           |        |
| Prison Inmates and Staff |        |

*Officiant:* Loving and eternal God, we place these prayers before you. As your faithful people, we know that You have heard us, and will grant them in accordance with Your will. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Reader 1:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

### ***St. Philip and St. James, Apostles***

*Officiant* Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**



### ***Prayer for Peace***

*Officiant:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### ***Prayer of Self-Dedication***

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

### ***Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

*Officiant:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forevermore.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Officiant:* 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*