

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## Evening Prayer



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# EVENING PRAYER

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

*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*

*Reader 1:* 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 12**

**BCP 597**

*Reader 2:* 1 Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

- 5 “Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up,” says the Lord,  
“and give them the help they long for.”
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.
- 7 O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

### **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

#### **Psalm 13**

**BCP 597**

- Reader 3:* 1 How long, O Lord?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

### **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

#### **Psalm 14**

**BCP 598**

- Reader 1:* 1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*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  
Alleluia.**

**First Lesson**

**Genesis 4:1-16**

*Reader 2:*     A Reading from Genesis.

4 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD."<sup>2</sup> Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,<sup>4</sup> and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,<sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?<sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

<sup>8</sup> Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"<sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen, your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!<sup>11</sup> And

now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! <sup>14</sup> Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

*Reader:* Here end the Lesson.

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

### **A Song of Creation**

*Reader3:* Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

#### I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Reader 1:*

## II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Reader2:*

## III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him 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

## Mark 1:29-45

*Reader 3:*

A Reading from Holy Gospel according to Mark.

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>40</sup> A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I am willing. Be made clean!" <sup>42</sup> Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

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

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

*Reader 1:* 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 (prayer list)

*All:* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*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 2:* 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.**

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

*Officiant*     Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*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, 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.

*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:* 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*