

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## Evening Prayer



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# EVENING PRAYER

*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*

*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 119: Daleth**

**BCP 765**

*Reader 2:* 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.

- 29 Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.

**Psalm 119: He**

**BCP 766**

- Reader 3:* 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

**Psalm 119: Waw**

**BCP 766**

- Reader 1:* 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

*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**

**Job 14:1-22**

*Reader 2:*     A Reading from Job.

“A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,  
<sup>2</sup> comes up like a flower and withers,  
flees like a shadow and does not last.

<sup>3</sup> Do you fix your eyes on such a one?  
Do you bring me into judgment with you?

<sup>4</sup> Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?  
No one can.

<sup>5</sup> Since their days are determined,  
and the number of their months is known to you,  
and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,

<sup>6</sup> look away from them and desist,  
that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

<sup>7</sup> “For there is hope for a tree,  
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again  
and that its shoots will not cease.

<sup>8</sup> Though its root grows old in the earth  
and its stump dies in the ground,

<sup>9</sup> yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.

<sup>10</sup> But mortals die and are laid low;

humans expire, and where are they?

- <sup>11</sup> As waters fail from a lake  
and a river wastes away and dries up,  
<sup>12</sup> so mortals lie down and do not rise again;  
until the heavens are no more, they will not awake  
or be roused out of their sleep.  
<sup>13</sup> O that you would hide me in Sheol,  
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,  
that you would appoint me a set time and remember me!  
<sup>14</sup> If mortals die, will they live again?  
All the days of my service I would wait  
until my release should come.  
<sup>15</sup> You would call, and I would answer you;  
you would long for the work of your hands.  
<sup>16</sup> For then you would not number my steps;  
you would not keep watch over my sin;  
<sup>17</sup> my transgression would be sealed up in a bag,  
and you would cover over my iniquity.
- <sup>18</sup> “But the mountain falls and crumbles away,  
and the rock is removed from its place;  
<sup>19</sup> the waters wear away the stones;  
the torrents wash away the soil of the earth;  
so you destroy the hope of mortals.  
<sup>20</sup> You prevail forever against them, and they pass away;  
you change their countenance and send them away.  
<sup>21</sup> Their children come to honor, and they do not know it;  
they are brought low, and it goes unnoticed.  
<sup>22</sup> They feel only the pain of their own bodies  
and mourn only for themselves.”

*Reader:* Here end the Lesson.

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

## A Song of Creation

*Reader 3:*       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.

*Reader 2:*

### 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 15:1-11**

*Reader 3:*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

15 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup> So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup> Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

*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:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Sandrilee Abrahamson      | Peg Rhode                 | Jan B             |
| David Bachhuber           | Shelly Valle              | Jessie            |
| Phil and Bonnie Bachhuber | Rev Rodger Patience       | Jim               |
| Judy Cook                 | Louise                    | Lori S            |
| Rebecca Gray              | Dan P                     | Sandy             |
| Grace Keach               | Eric                      | Tammy             |
| Carrie Kohn               | Frank                     | Mary Beth Molitor |
| Bob Kolterman             | Gordon B                  | Peter Molitor     |
| Lorraine Lassila          | Gordon's family in Canada | Janelle Anderson  |
| Harriet Nord              | Graham                    | Tim               |
| Lorna O'Donovan           |                           |                   |

*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* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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:*     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*