EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
**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*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant and People:**

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.

**Officiant:** 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.

**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. Alleluia.

**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 vespers 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.
I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who among you loves life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking  
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,  
and none will be punished who trust in him.
**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.

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**  
**Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**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 APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People:

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.

Officiant and People:

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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
People: We entreat you, O Lord.
**Officiant:** That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

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

**A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

**Officiant:** Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION**

**Officiant:** O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**Officiant and People:**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** 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 God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

_Ephesians 3:20,21_