

DAILY EVENING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING EVENSONG 22 NOVEMBER 2023

#### **PRELUDE**

#### AN OPENING SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE MAY BE READ

## **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** (all stand\*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation: Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper your work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore Him.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Officiant: Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and

<sup>\*</sup> All suggestions for kneeling and standing imply "as able."

mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Presbyter alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly

repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## THE INVITATORY (all stand)

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

## PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN (all stand)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To our fathers in distress. Praise Him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish Blows the wind and it is gone But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise the high eternal One.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise with us the God of grace.

## PSALM 65 (all stand)

- <sup>1</sup> You, O God, are to be praised in Zion, and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup> You who hear our prayer, unto you shall all flesh come.
- My misdeeds prevail against me;
   O be merciful and blot out our sins.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive unto yourself;

he shall dwell in your courts, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of your house, even of your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup> You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles that are far away.

- <sup>6</sup> You in your strength set firm the mountains, and are girded about with power.
- <sup>7</sup> You still the raging of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
- <sup>8</sup> Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of your wonders;

you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.

- You visit the earth and bless it; you make it very plenteous.
- <sup>10</sup> The river of God is full of water;

you prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

- <sup>11</sup> You water its furrows; you send rain into the little valleys; you make it soft with the drops of rain and bless the increase of it.
- <sup>12</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>13</sup> The fields of the wilderness are rich in pasture, and the little hills rejoice on every side.

<sup>14</sup> The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS: DEUTERONOMY 8 & MATTHEW 6:25-33

After each lesson the Reader says:
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

MAGNIFICAT (THE SONG OF MARY)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on,

all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him, throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS (THE SONG OF SIMEON)

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED** (all stand)

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 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.

#### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

#### Chorus

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light.

#### Chorus

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild.

#### Chorus

For yourself, best gift divine, To the world so freely given, Agent of God's grand design: Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

#### Chorus

#### **PRAYERS**

The people kneel or stand
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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**

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot

give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by 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.** 

#### COLLECT FOR PROTECTION

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.** 

#### COLLECT FOR MISSION

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.** 

# INTERCESSIONS MAY BE OFFERED SILENTLY OR BY AN APPOINTED PERSON

The People kneel or sit.

#### A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

## We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

## We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

## We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship, We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

# We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice, We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

## We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

## We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

# Now Thank We All Our God (standing)

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
Of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Spirit blest,
Who reign in highest heaven
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING (standing)

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.

## PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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**.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

## THE BENEDICTION

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)