

Evening Prayer
June 30, 2022

Welcome

Prelude

Opening

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us
again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and
mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are free to love as God
loves.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ;
may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all
your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.
O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who
comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread
your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Proverbs 4:1-9, 20-27

¹Listen, children, to a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may now insight;
²for I give you good precepts: do not forsake my teaching. ³When I was a son with my
father, tender, and my mother's favorite, ⁴he taught me, and said to me, "Let your heart
hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. ⁵Get wisdom; get insight: do not
forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶Do not forsake her, and she will keep
you; love her, and she will guard you. ⁷The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever else you get, get insight. ⁸Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will
honor you if you embrace her. ⁹She will place on your head a fair garland; she will
bestow on you a beautiful crown."
²⁰My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Do not let them
escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.
²²For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³Keep your
heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. ²⁴Put away from you crooked
speech, and put devious talk far from you. ²⁵Let your eyes look directly forward, and your
gaze be straight before you. ²⁶Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will
be sure. ²⁷Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Psalm 30 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**
³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
**⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**
⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
**⁸To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:**
⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
**¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"**
¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
**¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Gloria Patri

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to

me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Response

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Gospel Canticle *(together)*

Magnificat

A Prayer-Paraphrase of Luke 1: 46-55

**We praise you, Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in you – our Saviour;**

**For you take notice of the unnoticeable,
and transform them into the blessed;
You are strong and true to yourself and all that is good
in everything you are and do and say;
and you do great things for us;**

**Through the ages you have shown compassion
to those who trust you,
And in your strength you have scattered
those who are arrogant and abusive;**

**You have made the thrones of tyrants topple
and you have made humble people into leaders of many;
You have cared for and provided for those who have nothing,
and you have left the over-satisfied with empty hands;**

**You have always been a help to your people,
and have shown mercy when we have gone astray;
You made this promise to our ancestors,
and you continue to stay true to it even now.**

**We praise you, Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in you – our Saviour. Amen.**

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in
captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the
Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion
of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through
Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to
us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to
obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our
enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those**

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Written Offering

Benediction

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from

rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

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