

Evening Prayer  
August 25, 2022

**Welcome**

**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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Proverb: 19:15-23

<sup>15</sup>Laziness brings on deep sleep; an idle person will suffer hunger. <sup>16</sup>Those who keep the commandment will live; those who are heedless of their ways will die. <sup>17</sup>Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full. <sup>18</sup>Discipline your children while there is hope; do not set your heart on their destruction. <sup>19</sup>A violent tempered person will pay the penalty; if you effect a rescue, you will only have to do it again.

<sup>20</sup>Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.

<sup>21</sup>The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established. <sup>22</sup>What is desirable in a person is loyalty, and it is better to be poor than a liar. <sup>23</sup>The fear of the LORD is life indeed; filled with it one rests secure and suffers no harm.

## Psalm 112 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

## **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.**

## **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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**

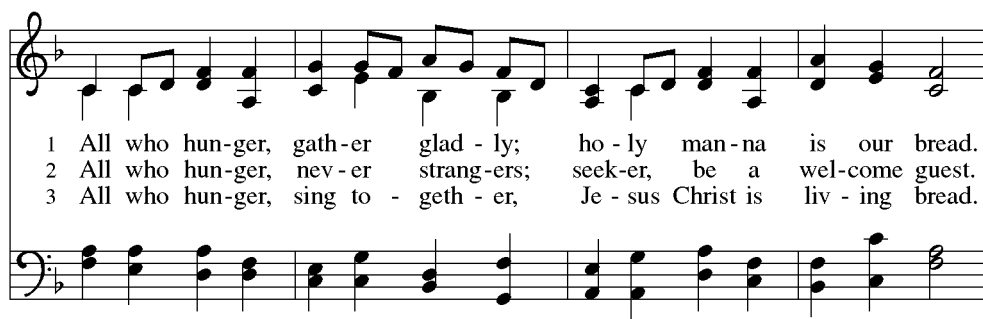
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**Benediction**

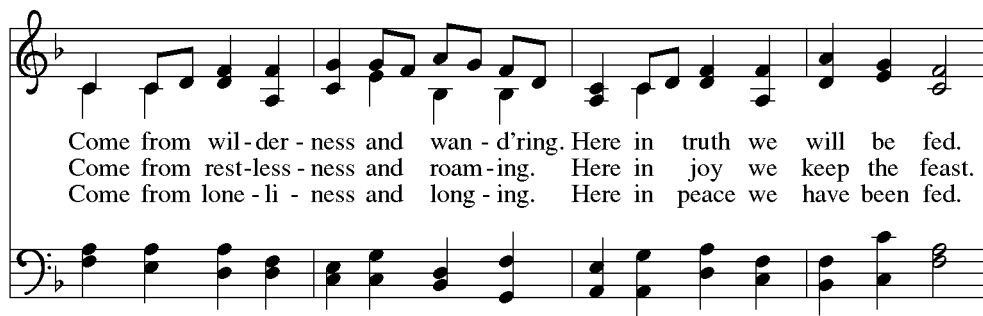
**Postlude**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
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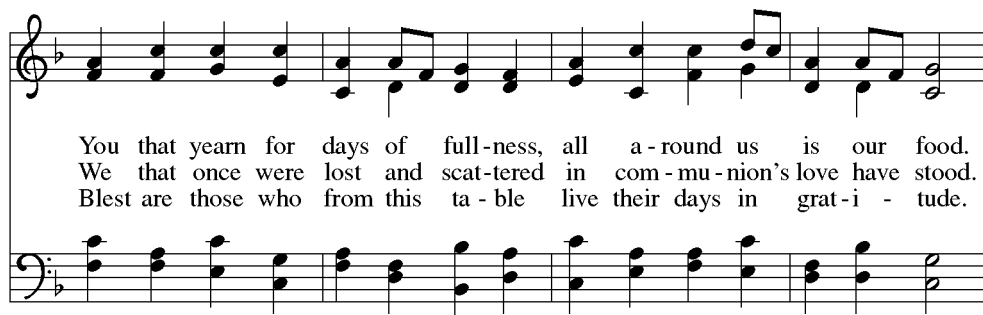
*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (vs. 1, 2)*



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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