

Evening Prayer
September 8, 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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Proverb: 24:1-6, 13-16

¹Do not envy the wicked, nor desire to be with them; ²for their minds devise violence, and their lips talk of mischief. ³By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; ⁴by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵Wise warriors are mightier than strong ones, and those who have knowledge than those who have strength; ⁶for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. ¹³My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. ¹⁴Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, you will find a future, and your hope will not be cut off. ¹⁵Do not lie in wait like an outlaw against the home of the righteous; do no violence to the place where the righteous live; ¹⁶for though they fall seven times, they will rise again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

Psalm 51:1-10

(read responsively by whole verse)

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**⁶You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

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.**

I Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Postlude

Chief of Sinners Though I Be (vs. 1,3,5)

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.