

Tuesday, October 20  
Evening Prayer

Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.

Invitatory

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

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 vesper 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.

Psalm 36 *Dixit injustus*

1

There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; \*  
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2

He flatters himself in his own eyes \*  
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3

The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; \*  
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4

He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in no good way; \*  
he does not abhor that which is evil.

5

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7

How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8

They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9

For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11

Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12

See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! \*  
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 39 *Dixi, Custodiam*

1

I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, \*  
so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2

I will put a muzzle on my mouth \*  
while the wicked are in my presence."

3

So I held my tongue and said nothing; \*  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my pain became unbearable.

4

My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; \*  
I spoke out with my tongue:

5

LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, \*  
so that I may know how short my life is.

6

You have given me a mere handful of days,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; \*  
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7

We walk about like a shadow,  
and in vain we are in turmoil; \*  
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

8

And now, what is my hope? \*  
O Lord, my hope is in you.

9

Deliver me from all my transgressions \*  
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10

I fell silent and did not open my mouth, \*  
for surely it was you that did it.

11

Take your affliction from me; \*  
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12

With rebukes for sin you punish us;  
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; \*  
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13

Hear my prayer, O LORD,

and give ear to my cry; \*  
hold not your peace at my tears.

14

For I am but a sojourner with you, \*  
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15

Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, \*  
before I go my way and am no more.

## Gloria Patri

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.

## Gospel

### Matthew 11:25-30 (NRSV)

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Canticle 17 The Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

### Apostles' Creed

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 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 A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

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 sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 24

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Protection

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in 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.

### For Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

### World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Namibia.

### Namibian

### Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East.

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### For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### General Thanksgiving

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.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: 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.

### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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*