



January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5:30 pm

# Evening Prayer

*Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers*

Please remember to keep your microphone on mute unless you are speaking; it's hard to hear otherwise. You might also consider being a lesson reader or intercessor. All **bold** text is spoken by the people.

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (*Isaiah 49: 6b*)

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. In the presence of the God and Father of us all, we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual unity which is already ours as members of the Body of Christ. Let us acknowledge our sin, that this unity may, by God's grace, become a visible unity, so that his Church in every place may demonstrate the healing power of the gospel, and be an instrument of his peace in the life of the world.

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE 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.**

## THE PSALM – 12, 13, and 14

Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.

**Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from  
a double heart.**

Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

**Those who say,**

**"With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"**

"Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*

I will rise up," says the Lord,

"and give them the help they long for."

**the words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.**

O Lord, watch over us \*

and save us from this generation for ever.

**the wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized  
by everyone.**

How long, O Lord?

will you forget me for ever? \*

how long will you hide your face from me?

**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \***

**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**Lest my enemy say,**

**"I have prevailed over him," \***

**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

**I will sing to the Lord,  
for he has dealt with me richly; \***

**I will praise the Name of the Lord  
Most High.**

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
all are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

**The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.**

Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*

there is none who does good; no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear, \*

because God is in the company of the righteous.

**their aim is to confound the plans  
of the afflicted, \***

**but the Lord is their refuge.**

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come  
out of Zion! \*

when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING – Ephesians 2: 1-10

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SONG OF SIMEON**

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 forever. Amen.

## **THE SECOND READING – Mark 1: 29-45**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup>He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>40</sup>A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to the m.' <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **A SHORT HOMILY – The Rev'd Canon Matthew Dayton-Welch**

### **THE 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 PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **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.**

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration; fill our hearts with a hunger for your holy sacraments, that we might soon taste again what we remember in faith; and teach us to adore your holy presence in the lives of those whom you have created, that in honoring one another, we honor you. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds at the beginning of this year; accept our fears and hopes as holy gifts, and teach us to give to one another the gift of your kindness and grace. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world, remembering especially those communities and homes in which violence and dehumanization is found, and for our nation in its time of harrowing discord. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; give them the courage of the Holy Family who traversed the desert, and send to them caring advocates and friends. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbors, our families and the communities here assembled, that those we raise up may, like Jesus, be raised in love and with the knowledge of your goodness. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. May they meet us when we too are returned to you. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Then the Officiant offers three prayers, and intercessions and thanksgivings, then adds:*

Christ our God, who at all times and through every hour is worshiped and glorified both in heaven and on earth; you who are so patient, full of mercy and compassion; who love the just and show mercy to sinners; who summon all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Lord, now receive our prayers at this present hour and direct our lives in accordance with your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our minds, clarify our intentions, and deliver us from every calamity, evil, and distress. Stand your holy angels around us, that, guided and protected by their ranks, we may come into the unity of faith and the knowledge of your unapproachable glory—for blessed are you to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN 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.**

*Then the Officiant offers a blessing.*

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. And the blessing of God Almighty, the † Father, the † Son, and the † Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**