



Please join us on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00pm for Evening Prayer, Rite Two, led by **Esabel Mariso**.

**Note: We invite you to light a candle**

**Leader:** I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Leader and People (together):** 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.

**Leader:** 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.*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Leader:** O God, make speed to save us.

**People:** 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 (together)*

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.

## Today's Appointed Psalm and Lessons

### Psalm 37: Part II *Novit Dominus*

19 The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, \*and their inheritance shall last for ever.

**20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \* and in days of famine they shall have enough.**

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, \* and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

**22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, \* but the righteous are generous in giving.**

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, \* but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

**24 Our steps are directed by the Lord; \* he strengthens those in whose way he delights.**

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \* for the Lord holds them by the hand.

**26 I have been young and now I am old, \* but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.**

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, \* and their children shall be a blessing.

**28 Turn from evil, and do good, \* and dwell in the land for ever.**

29 For the Lord loves justice; \* he does not forsake his faithful ones.

**30 They shall be kept safe for ever, \* but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

31 The righteous shall possess the land \* and dwell in it for ever.

**32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \* and their tongue speaks what is right.**

**33 The law of their God is in their heart, \* and their footsteps shall not falter.**

34 The wicked spy on the righteous \* and seek occasion to kill them.

**35 The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, \* nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.**

36 Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; \* he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

**37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, \* flourishing like a tree in full leaf.**

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; \* I searched for them, but they could not be found.

**39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; \* for there is a future for the peaceable.**

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; \* the future of the wicked is cut off.

**41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \* he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; \* he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

**The First Lesson: A Reading from the book of Sirach 10:1-18 (Edwina)**

10A wise magistrate educates his people, and the rule of an intelligent person is well ordered.  
2 As the people's judge is, so are his officials; as the ruler of the city is, so are all its inhabitants.  
3 An undisciplined king ruins his people, but a city becomes fit to live in through the understanding of its rulers. 4 The government of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, and over it he will raise up the right leader for the time. 5 Human success is in the hand of the Lord, and it is he who confers honour upon the lawgiver.\*

6 Do not get angry with your neighbour for every injury, and do not resort to acts of insolence.  
7 Arrogance is hateful to the Lord and to mortals, and injustice is outrageous to both. 8 Sovereignty passes from nation to nation on account of injustice and insolence and wealth.\* 9 How can dust and ashes be proud? Even in life the human body decays.\* 10 A long illness baffles the physician;\* the king of today will die tomorrow. 11 For when one is dead he inherits maggots and vermin\* and worms.  
12 The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. 13 For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely.  
14 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. 15 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,\* and plants the humble in their place. 16 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. 17 He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. 18 Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis, Luke 2:29-32 (together)*

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.

**The Second Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Revelation 9:1-12 (Agnes)**

9And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit; 2he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. 3Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given authority like the authority of scorpions of the earth. 4They were told not to damage the grass of the earth or any green growth or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their

foreheads. <sup>5</sup>They were allowed to torture them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup>And in those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

<sup>7</sup>In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup>their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup>they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup>They have tails like scorpions, with stings, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months. <sup>11</sup>They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

12 The first woe has passed. There are still two woes to come.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 10:25-37 (Esabel)**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup>He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup>He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup>He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*\*Reflections on the readings\*\***

**The Apostles' Creed** (*together*)

**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**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

### **Leader and People (together)**

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.

### **Suffrage A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

**(Leader) A Prayer for our Country:** Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**(Leader) A Prayer for Protection:** O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**(Leader) A Prayer for Social Justice:** Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**(Together) A Prayer for the Human Family:** O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Leader:** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

**\*\*Friends, who can we pray for tonight? Let us offer up our intercessions & thanksgivings\*\***

- Prayers for the reposed souls of over 222, 000 souls who have died from Covid-19. We pray for their grieving families.
- Prayers for **Mother Rhoda, Trevor Chase, Jennifer Sprosty, Rick Rowe, John Owens, Trevor Chase** and for all those who may be suffering in mind, body and spirit.
- Prayers for all those who may feel alone, hopeless or in despair
- Prayers for all school students, teachers, principals, school staff and parents during these challenging times.
- Prayers for all who are without a job, source of income or food insecurity
- Prayers for our St. John's and Canterbury House family

### ***The General Thanksgiving (together)***

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.

### ***(Leader) 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Leader:** Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

*Have a restful night!*