



Please join us on Thursday, October 29 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 59** *Eripe me de inimicis (responsively)*

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; \* protect me from those who rise up against me.

**2 Rescue me from evildoers \* and save me from those who thirst for my blood.**

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how the mighty gather together against me; \* not for any offense or fault of mine, O Lord.

**4 Not because of any guilt of mine \* they run and prepare themselves for battle.**

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; \* for you, Lord God of hosts, are Israel's God.

**6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; \* show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.**

7 They go to and fro in the evening; \* they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

**8 Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on their lips; \* "For who," they say, "will hear us?"**

9 But you, O Lord, you laugh at them; \* you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

**10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; \* for you, O God, are my stronghold.**

11 My merciful God comes to meet me; \* God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

**12 Slay them, O God, lest my people forget; \* send them reeling by your might and put them down, O Lord our shield.**

**13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, for the cursing and lies that they utter, \* let them be caught in their pride.**

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; \* make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

**15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, \* and to the ends of the earth.**

16 They go to and fro in the evening; \* they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

**17 They forage for food, \* and if they are not filled, they howl.**

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength; \* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

**19 For you have become my stronghold, \* a refuge in the day of my trouble.**

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; \* for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

## **The First Lesson: A Reading from the book of Sirach 31:12-18, 31:25-32; 2 (Nakieta)**

<sup>12</sup> Are you seated at the table of the great? Do not be greedy at it, and do not say, 'How much food there is here!' <sup>13</sup> Remember that a greedy eye is a bad thing. What has been created more greedy than the eye? Therefore it sheds tears for any reason. <sup>14</sup> Do not reach out your hand for everything you see, and do not crowd your neighbour at the dish. <sup>15</sup> Judge your neighbour's feelings by your own, and in every matter be thoughtful. <sup>16</sup> Eat what is set before you like a well-bred person, and do not chew greedily, or you will give offence. <sup>17</sup> Be the first to stop, as befits good manners, and do not be insatiable, or you will give offence. <sup>18</sup> If you are seated among many others, do not help yourself before they do.

<sup>25</sup> Do not try to prove your strength by wine-drinking, for wine has destroyed many. <sup>26</sup> As the furnace tests the work of the smith, so wine tests hearts when the insolent quarrel. <sup>27</sup> Wine is very life to human beings if taken in moderation. What is life to one who is without wine? It has been created to make people happy. <sup>28</sup> Wine drunk at the proper time and in moderation is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul. <sup>29</sup> Wine drunk to excess leads to bitterness of spirit, to quarrels and stumbling. <sup>30</sup> Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own hurt, reducing his strength and adding wounds. <sup>31</sup> Do not reprove your neighbour at a banquet of wine, and do not despise him in his merrymaking; speak no word of reproach to him, and do not distress him by making demands of him.

<sup>32</sup> If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself; be among them as one of their number. Take care of them first and then sit down; <sup>2</sup> when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place, so that you may be merry along with them and receive a garland for your excellent leadership.

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 12:7-17 (Edwina)**

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

13 So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued\* the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. 17 Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 11:53-12;12 (Esabel)**

53 When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile towards him and to cross-examine him about many things, 54 lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

12 Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, ‘Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. 2 Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 3 Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

4 ‘I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority\* to cast into hell.\* Yes, I tell you, fear him! 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight. 7 But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 ‘And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; 9 but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. 11 When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how\* you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.’

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\*\****

- We pray for the reposed souls of over 228, 000 souls who have died from Covid-19. We pray for their grieving families.
- We pray for the reposed soul of The Rev. Lewis Marshall, All Saints Church, Staten Island. We pray for his family and our brothers and sisters at All Saints.
- We pray 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.
- We pray for all those who may feel alone, hopeless or in despair
- We pray for all school students, teachers, principals, school staff and parents during these challenging times.
- We pray for all who are without a job, source of income or food insecurity
- We pray 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:*** 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*

*Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay well and have a restful night!*