

# St. John's Church

## Online Weekly Evening Prayer, Rite II

Every Thursday  
at 7:00 PM

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your  
Father who is in heaven.

We invite you to join us each Thursday night for Evening Prayer via Conference Call!

If anyone is interested in leading Evening Prayer or reading a Lesson, please contact Edwina at (347) 409-9892 one week prior. Thank you!

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### **EVENING PRAYER, RITE II – THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

#### **LED BY RICK ROWE**

**Leader:** Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

#### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 your 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**

*Officiant* 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.

### **The Appointed Psalm and Lessons**

**Psalm 59** *Eripe me de inimicis (read 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 Reading: Joshua 9:3-21**

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, <sup>4</sup>they on their part acted with cunning: they went and prepared provisions,\* and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, <sup>5</sup>with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes; and all their provisions were dry and mouldy. <sup>6</sup>They went to Joshua in the camp

at Gilgal, and said to him and to the Israelites, 'We have come from a far country; so now make a treaty with us.' <sup>7</sup>But the Israelites said to the Hivites, 'Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a treaty with you?' <sup>8</sup>They said to Joshua, 'We are your servants.' And Joshua said to them, 'Who are you? And where do you come from?' <sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Your servants have come from a very far country, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard a report of him, of all that he did in Egypt, <sup>10</sup>and of all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, King Sihon of Heshbon, and King Og of Bashan who lived in Ashtaroth. <sup>11</sup>So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, "Take provisions in your hand for the journey; go to meet them, and say to them, 'We are your servants; come now, make a treaty with us.' " <sup>12</sup>Here is our bread; it was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey, on the day we set out to come to you, but now, see, it is dry and mouldy; <sup>13</sup>these wineskins were new when we filled them, and see, they are burst; and these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.' <sup>14</sup>So the leaders\* partook of their provisions, and did not ask direction from the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And Joshua made peace with them, guaranteeing their lives by a treaty; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.

<sup>16</sup>But when three days had passed after they had made a treaty with them, they heard that they were their neighbours and were living among them. <sup>17</sup>So the Israelites set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. <sup>18</sup>But the Israelites did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. <sup>19</sup>But all the leaders said to all the congregation, 'We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we must not touch them. <sup>20</sup>This is what we will do to them: We will let them live, so that wrath may not come upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them.' <sup>21</sup>The leaders said to them, 'Let them live.' So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the leaders had decided concerning them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Mary, Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55 (together)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
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: Romans 15:1-13 (Esabel)**

<sup>1</sup>We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. <sup>3</sup>For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.’ <sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess\* you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Reading of Matthew 26:69-75 (Rick)**

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’ <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about.’ <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’\* <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man.’ <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.’ <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know the man!’ At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**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.

*Officiant and People*

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 B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and  
goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole  
world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat  
of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in  
the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

### **A Prayer for Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Aid against Perils**

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.*

### **A Collect For the Human Family (together)**

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.*

***\*\*Let us offer up intercessions and thanksgivings\*\****

### **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.**

### *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.***

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*

**Have a blessed and restful night.**