

Daily Evening Prayer, Rite Two  
St. John's Episcopal Church

**Opening Sentence**

**BCP p.115**

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP p.117**

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. Alleluia.**

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron* (or an invitatory Canticle)

**BCP p. 118**

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: 85**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

**Psalm: 86**

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

<sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

<sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your

name.

<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

<sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

<sup>14</sup> O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## **The Lesson**

### **Matthew 18:10-20**

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

## **Commentary on Gospel reading**

### **Canticle – A Song of Creation II The Earth and Its Creatures**

**BCP p. 89**

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,

and all that grows upon the earth, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP p. 120**

**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**

**BCP p. 121**

Officiant     The Lord be with you

People        **And also with you**

Officiant     Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**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**

**BCP p. 121**

- 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.

## **Intercessions Form VI**

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **A Collect 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.*

## **Prayer for Mission**

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 for all your love's sake. *Amen.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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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.*

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord

People        **Thanks be to God, alleluia, 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*