

# Evening Prayer

The First Monday After the Epiphany

Monday, January 11, 2021

*The Officiant says*

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

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant then says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Officiant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

### Psalm 141:1-3, 8ab

*Domine, clamavi*

*Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; \*  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, \*  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips; \*  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.  
My eyes are turned to you, Lord God; \*  
in you I take refuge.

*Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

### Psalms Appointed

Psalm 4 & 7

#### Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”

- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## Psalm 7

*Domine, Deus meus*

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O LORD, judge the nations.

- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O LORD, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.
- 11 God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.
- 12 God is a righteous judge; \*  
God sits in judgment every day.
- 13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; \*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.
- 14 He has prepared his weapons of death; \*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.
- 15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, \*  
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.
- 16 They dig a pit and make it deep \*  
and fall into the hole that they have made.
- 17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; \*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.
- 18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; \*  
I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

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.

## Readings

*A period of silence will follow each reading.*

### First Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who

has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## **Canticle A**

*A Song of Wisdom    Sapientia liberavit*

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \*  
    a holy people and a blameless race.  
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \*  
    withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.  
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \*  
    and led them by a marvelous way;  
She was their shelter by day \*  
    and a blaze of stars by night.  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \*  
    she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
    and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \*  
    and praised with one voice your protecting hand;  
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
    and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-13

A Reading from Mark.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 17

The Song of Simeon    *Nunc dimittis*

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.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

## Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant and People say responsively*

### **Suffrages 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 with your Holy Spirit.

### *Collect of the Day*

*The Officiant then says*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### *For our Country*

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your 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 here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the

spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your 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 you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, 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.*

### *Collect for Mission*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### *Intercessor*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

### *A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Litany of Remembrance*

As the world continues to respond to the pandemic of the virus, help us, O Lord, to remember.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who have no risk factors remember those who are vulnerable.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between their health or paying their rent.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.  
*Help us, O Lord, to remember*

As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. *Amen.*

## *The General Thanksgiving*

### *Officiant and People*

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.

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

### *Officiant*

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*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*