



*Thursday after the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two  
October 31, 2024

Officiant:

*Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. Amos 5:8*

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

**People:** *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT                      *Phos hilaron*

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 50**

**The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

**Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

**“Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

**Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.**

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.

**I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;**

For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

**I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

**Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”**

But to the wicked God says: \*  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant upon your lips;

**Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?**

When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

**You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.**

You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother’s son.

**These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you.”**

“I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

**Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

***FIRST LESSON      Ecclesiastes 31:12-18,25-32:2***

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!" 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. Do not reach out your hand for everything you see, and do not crowd your neighbor at the dish. Judge your neighbor's feelings by your own, and in every matter be thoughtful. Eat what is set before you like a well brought-up person, and do not chew greedily, or you will give offense. Be the first to stop, as befits good manners, and do not be insatiable, or you will give offense. If you are seated among many persons, do not help yourself before they do. Do not try to prove your strength by wine-drinking, for wine has destroyed many. As the furnace tests the work of the smith, so wine tests hearts when the insolent quarrel. 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. Wine drunk at the proper time and in moderation is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul. Wine drunk to excess leads to bitterness of spirit, to quarrels and stumbling. Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own hurt, reducing his strength and adding wounds. Do not reprove your neighbor 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. 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; when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place, so that you may be merry along with them and receive a wreath for your excellent leadership.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Mary     *Magnificat*     *Luke 1:46-55*

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.**

*SECOND LESSON    The Gospel According to Luke*  
*Luke 11:53-12:12*

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say. Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered by the 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. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 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. "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. 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! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. 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. 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; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *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**

**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.**



Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.*

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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.***

## COLLECTS

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

***Intercessions and Thanksgivings***

*We ask for continued healing for Florence Arwade, Becky Slater, Gloria, Aaron Lazar, Neal, Ted, Frances, Brandon and his family.*

*We pray in memory of Larry Coshnear, Sarah Burke, Mary Stanley, Matthew J. Creo, and Mary N. Bassiouni*

*You are invited to unmute and offer your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.*

**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.***

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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.*