

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Advent 1 Evensong

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

## Opening Voluntary

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

arr. Carl McKinley  
[The H. W. Gray, Co. 599 (1933)]

## Opening Sentence

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

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

### *Celebrant 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.

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

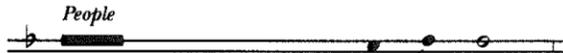
## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*



O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

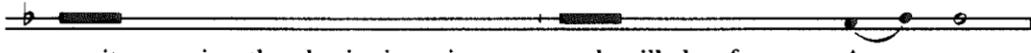


O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

## **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron* (*Dr. Philip Sargent, cantor*)

Victor Judson Schramm, acc. Hurd  
[S-27, Church Publishing Incorporated (1985)]

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 Psalm Appointed

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)

### Psalm 23 (*Dominus regit me*)

*Sung responsively by whole verse*



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- 1 The Lord is my **shepherd**; \*  
I shall not be in **want**.
- 2 He makes me lie down in **green pastures** \*  
and leads me beside still **waters**.
- 3 He revives my **soul** \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no **evil**; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who **trouble me**; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running **over**.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my **life**, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 25: 6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Mary** (*Magnificat*)  
(*Elizabeth Albert, cantor*)

Plainsong, Tone 8, adapt.; Douglas  
[S-185, Church Publishing Incorporated (1985)]

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**

**Matthew 15:29-39**

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Simeon** (*Nunc dimittis*)

*The Rev. Martin Geiger, cantor*

Plainsong; adapt. Ford and Small  
[S-254, Church Publishing Incorporated (1985)]

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 Homily**

The Rev. Webster Gibson

**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.

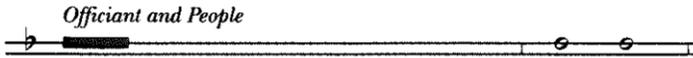
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

# The Prayers

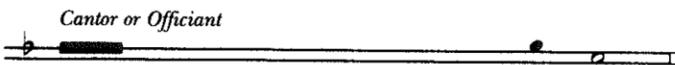


The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.



Our Father in heaven . . . ever. A - men.

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.

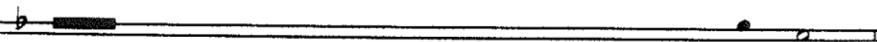


That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

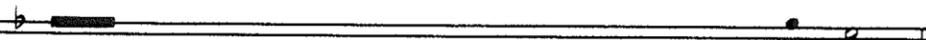


We en - treat you, O Lord.

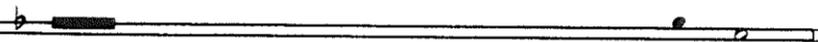
*(This response is sung after each petition)*



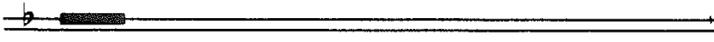
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



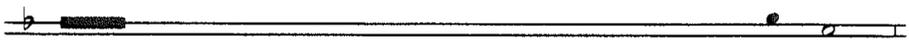
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



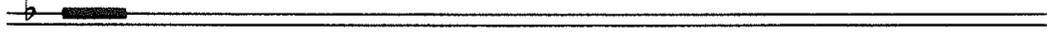
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



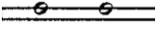
[\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Collect of the Day

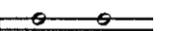
*Officiant:* Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:*   
A - men.

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

*People:*   
A - men.

*Officiant:* O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:*   
A - men.

Anthem Savior of the nations, come! Erfurt Enchiridia, arr. Vulpius  
Scola Cantorum [Church Publishing Incorporated (1985)]

*Officiant:* I invite your own intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

A General Thanksgiving

*(Officiant and people)*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

*Officiant:* Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages.

People: Amen.

*Officiant:* The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

arr. Johann Gottfried Walther  
[Oxford University Press (1962)]

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