

**EVENING PRAYER . NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020**

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## INTROIT

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. To

you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \* let  
me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

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## COLLECT

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

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. Amen.

## INVITATORY

O God, make speed to save us. 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 forever. Amen.

Alleluia.

## 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.

## PSALTER

*Psalms 111, 112, 113*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \* in  
the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \* in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \* because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \* holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \* and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \* the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until  
they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will  
hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \* the  
desires of the wicked will perish.

1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \* praise  
the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \* from  
this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \* let the  
Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, \* and his  
glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, \* but  
stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \* and  
lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \* with  
the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \* to be a  
joyful mother of children.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON – ISAIAH 1:1-9

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for  
the Lord has spoken:  
I reared children and brought them up, but  
they have rebelled against me.  
The ox knows its owner,  
and the donkey its master's crib;  
but Israel does not know,  
my people do not understand.

Ah, sinful nation,  
people laden with iniquity, offspring  
who do evil,  
children who deal corruptly, who  
have forsaken the Lord,  
who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who  
are utterly estranged!

Why do you seek further beatings?  
Why do you continue to rebel?  
The whole head is sick,  
and the whole heart faint.  
From the sole of the foot even to the head,  
there is no soundness in it,  
but bruises and sores and  
bleeding wounds;  
they have not been drained, or bound up, or  
softened with oil.

Your country lies desolate,  
your cities are burned with fire; in  
your very presence  
aliens devour your land;  
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.  
And daughter Zion is left like a  
booth in a vineyard,

like a shelter in a cucumber field,  
like a besieged city.  
If the Lord of hosts  
had not left us a few survivors,  
we would have been like Sodom,  
and become like Gomorrah.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## MAGNIFICAT

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 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

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## SECOND LESSON – 2 PETER 3:1-10

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!” They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished.

But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless. But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

These eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

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.



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## 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE PRAYERS

- 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.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Amen.

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.

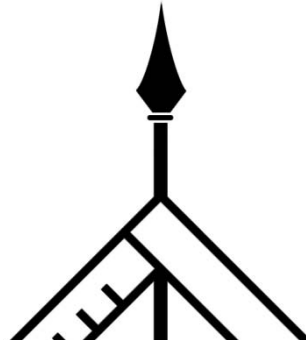
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be

best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## DISMISSAL & GRACE

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.



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