

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Evening Prayer: Rite Two
Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Opening Sentences

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

[Officiant leads and people join in]

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.

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

[A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."]

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

[OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE TOGETHER]

**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 (unison)

**O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the ever living 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.**

Psalms 119:145-176.BCP 775

- 145 I call with my whole heart; *
answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.
- 146 **I call to you;
oh, that you would save me! *
I will keep your decrees.**
- 147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, *
for in your word is my trust.
- 148 **My eyes are open in the night watches, *
that I may meditate upon your promise.**
- 149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; *
according to your judgments, give me life.
- 150 **They draw near who in malice persecute me; *
they are very far from your law.**
- 151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, *
and all your commandments are true.
- 152 **Long have I known from your decrees *
that you have established them for ever.**
- 153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, *
for I do not forget your law.
- 154 **Plead my cause and redeem me; *
according to your promise, give me life.**
- 155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, *
for they do not study your statutes.
- 156 **Great is your compassion, O LORD; *
preserve my life, according to your judgments.**
- 157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, *
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

- 158 **I look with loathing at the faithless, ***
for they have not kept your word.
- 159 See how I love your commandments! *
O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.
- 160 **The heart of your word is truth; ***
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.
- 161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, *
but my heart stands in awe of your word.
- 162 **I am as glad because of your promise ***
as one who finds great spoils.
- 163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, *
but your law is my love.
- 164 **Seven times a day do I praise you, ***
because of your righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they who love your law; *
for them there is no stumbling block.
- 166 **I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, ***
and have fulfilled your commandments.
- 167 I have kept your decrees *
and I have loved them deeply.
- 168 **I have kept your commandments and decrees, ***
for all my ways are before you.
- 169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD; *
give me understanding, according to your word.
- 170 **Let my supplication come before you; ***
deliver me, according to your promise.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, *
when you teach me your statutes.

- 172 **My tongue shall sing of your promise, ***
for all your commandments are righteous.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.
- 174 **I long for your salvation, O LORD, ***
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.
- 176 **I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; ***
search for your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.

[OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE TOGETHER]

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 First Lesson. Luke 23:1-12

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus^{*} before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ ³Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ ⁵But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in

Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus^{*} gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

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.

Meditation **Chuck Geiger**

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**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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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

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

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

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.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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

[authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow]

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.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (Officiant only)

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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

SERVING US TODAY:

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Reader/Voice of the People: Emily Talbot-Guillote