
Evening Prayer

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Christ Church Detroit

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

— *John 4:23*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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.**

OPENING VERSICLE AND DOXOLOGY

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People Come quickly to help us, O God.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM

Psalm 119:89-96

Reader O Lord, your word is everlasting;
it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;
you established the earth, and it abides.
By your decree these continue to this day,
for all things are your servants.
If my delight had not been in your law,
I should have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your commandments,
because by them you give me life.
I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
for I study your commandments.
Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me,
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
I see that all things come to an end,
but your commandment has no bounds.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:16-24

Reader A reading from Acts.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15

Luke 1:46-55

Reader The Song of Mary.

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.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

SECOND LESSON

John 12:20-26

Reader A reading from John.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 17

Luke 2:29-32

Reader The Song of Simeon.

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.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

REFLECTION

The Officiant offers or facilitates a brief reflection. Silence may be kept.

APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant I believe in God,
All 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

SUFFRAGES B

Reader That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
All **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.

I invite your prayers for those in special need, including:

**Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David
Dieter, Vincent Faust, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Keils, Philip Keils, JoAnn
Kelly, Doris Landrum, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon,
Kathleen S., Marilyn Shahly, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter,
Megan White,** and those people or communities we now name.

Other Intercessions are offered and silence is kept.

Then the Officiant offers the Collect of the Day, saying

Officiant 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.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Officiant offers a blessing, and then says

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **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. — *2 Corinthians 13:14*
Amen.



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