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EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

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Feast of Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600

PRESIDER

The Rev. Jorge Pallares

RESPONDER

Dave Waller

READER

Nani Banks

OPENING SENTENCE

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Psalm 139:10,11

CONFESSION OF SIN

(BCP p. 116)

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed.

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.**

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider: O God, be not far from us.

Responder: **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

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.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

(EOW p. 23)

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
**Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.**
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
**Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 18.

I love you, O LORD my strength, *

O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *

my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

I will call upon the LORD, *

and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

The breakers of death rolled over me, *

and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

The cords of hell entangled me, *

and the snares of death were set for me.

I called upon the LORD in my distress *

and cried out to my God for help.

He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *

my cry of anguish came to his ears.

The earth reeled and rocked; *

the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; *

hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

He parted the heavens and came down *

with a storm cloud under his feet.

He mounted on cherubim and flew; *

he swooped on the wings of the wind.

He wrapped darkness about him; *

he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, *

burst hailstones and coals of fire.

The LORD thundered out of heaven; *

the Most High uttered his voice.

He loosed his arrows and scattered them; *

he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare, *

at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

He reached down from on high and grasped me; *

he drew me out of great waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me; *

for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my disaster; *

but the LORD was my support.

He brought me out into an open place; *

he rescued me because he delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; *
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

**For I have kept the ways of the LORD *
and have not offended against my God;**

For all his judgments are before my eyes, *
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

**For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity;**

Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, *
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

**With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; *
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.**

With the pure you show yourself pure, *
but with the crooked you are wily.

**You will save a lowly people, *
but you will humble the haughty eyes.**

You, O LORD, are my lamp; *
my God, you make my darkness bright.

**With you I will break down an enclosure; *
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.**

As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; *
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

**For who is God, but the LORD? *
who is the Rock, except our God?**

It is God who girds me about with strength *
and makes my way secure.

**He makes me sure-footed like a deer *
and lets me stand firm on the heights.**

He trains my hands for battle *
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

**You have given me your shield of victory; *
your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.**

You lengthen my stride beneath me, *
and my ankles do not give way.

**I pursue my enemies and overtake them; *
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.**

I strike them down, and they cannot rise; *
they fall defeated at my feet.

**You have girded me with strength for the battle; *
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.**

I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; *
they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

**I beat them small like dust before the wind; *
I trample them like mud in the streets.**

You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; *
you put me at the head of the nations.

**A people I have not known shall serve me;
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; *
strangers will cringe before me.**

The foreign peoples will lose heart; *
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

**The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock! *
Exalted is the God of my salvation!**

He is the God who gave me victory *
and cast down the peoples beneath me.

**You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;
you exalted me above those who rose against me; *
you saved me from my deadly foe.**

Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, *
and sing praises to your Name.

**He multiplies the victories of his king; *
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.**

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.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTICUS 44:1-15

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTICUS.

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,
his majesty from the beginning.
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,
and made a name for themselves by their valor;
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;
those who led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;
they were wise in their words of instruction;
those who composed musical tunes,
or put verses in writing;
rich men endowed with resources,
living peacefully in their homes—
all these were honored in their generations,
and were the pride of their times.
Some of them have left behind a name,
so that others declare their praise.
But of others there is no memory;
they have perished as though they had never existed;
they have become as though they had never been born,
they and their children after them.

But these also were godly men,
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;
their wealth will remain with their descendants,
and their inheritance with their children's children.
Their descendants stand by the covenants;
their children also, for their sake.
Their offspring will continue forever,
and their glory will never be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on generation after generation.
The assembly declares their wisdom,
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Reader: Hear ends the reading.

THE SONG OF MARY

LUKE 1:46-55

(EOW p. 27)

Presider and responder alternate by whole verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.

You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm, *

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones, *
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things, *

and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

The promise you made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children forever.

THE SECOND READING

LUKE 13:18-30

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you

yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Responder: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON

LUKE 2:29-32

(BCP p. 120)

Presider and responder alternate by whole verse.

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 forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

APOSTLES’ CREED

(BCP p. 120)

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'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 121)

Presider: God be with you.

Responder: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

English

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.

Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

SUFFRAGES A

(BCP p. 121)

- 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

RICHARD HOOKER

November 3, 1600

O God of truth and peace, you raised up your servant Richard Hooker in a day of bitter controversy to defend with sound reasoning and great charity the catholic and reformed religion: Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

(BCP p. 124)

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 PRAYER FOR MISSION

(BCP p. 124)

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.**

Presider: Are there any prayers or thanksgivings you wish to offer?
The people may offer their intercessions and thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(BCP p. 125)

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 ourselves 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.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

Responder **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

(BCP p. 126)

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.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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In any list of Anglican theologians, Richard Hooker's name would stand high, if not first. He was born in 1553 near Exeter, and was admitted in 1567 to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, of which he became a Fellow ten years later. After ordination and marriage in 1581, he held a living in Buckinghamshire. In 1586, he became Master of the Temple in London. Later, he served country parishes in Boscombe, Salisbury, and Bishopsbourne near Canterbury.

A controversy with a noted Puritan led Hooker to prepare a comprehensive defense of the Reformation settlement under Queen Elizabeth I. This work, his masterpiece, was entitled *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Its philosophical base is Aristotelian, with a strong emphasis upon the natural law eternally planted by God in creation. On this foundation, all positive laws of church and state are grounded—upon Scriptural revelation, tradition, and reason.

Book Five of the Laws is a massive defense of the Book of Common Prayer, directed primarily against Puritan detractors. Hooker's arguments are buttressed by enormous patristic learning, but the needs of the contemporary worshiper are paramount, and he draws effectively on his twenty-year experience of using the Prayer Book.

Concerning the nature of the church, Hooker wrote: "The church is always a visible society of men; not an assembly, but a society. For although the name of the church be given unto Christian assemblies, although any multitude of Christian men congregated may be termed by the name of a church, yet assemblies properly are rather things that belong to a church. Men are assembled for performance of public actions; which actions being ended, the assembly dissolveth itself and is no longer in being, whereas the church which was assembled doth no less continue afterwards than before."

Pope Clement VIII is reported to have said that Hooker's work "had in it such seeds of eternity that it would abide until the last fire shall consume all learning."