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EVENING PRAYER: RITE TWO

August 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael

Thursday after the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRESIDER

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

RESPONDER

Sandy Davis

READER

Nani Banks

OPENING SENTENCE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Psalm 96:9

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.**

PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 119:73-104

(BCP p. 769)

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 119.

Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

**Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.**

I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

**Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, *
as you have promised to your servant.**

Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.

**Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.**

Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.

**Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.**

My soul has longed for your salvation; *
I have put my hope in your word.

**My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, *
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**

I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, *
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

**How much longer must I wait? *
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?**

The proud have dug pits for me; *
they do not keep your law.

**All your commandments are true; *
help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

They had almost made an end of me on earth, *
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

**In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

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.**

Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

**I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.**

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

**I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.**

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

JOB 8:1-10, 20-22

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB.

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered: "How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind? Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert the right? If your children sinned against him, he delivered them into the power of their transgression. If you will seek God and make supplication to the Almighty, if you are pure

and upright, surely then he will rouse himself for you and restore to you your rightful place. Though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.

“For inquire now of bygone generations, and consider what their ancestors have found; for we are but of yesterday, and we know nothing, for our days on earth are but a shadow. Will they not teach you and tell you and utter words out of their understanding?

“See, God will not reject a blameless person, nor take the hand of evildoers. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked will be no more.”

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

Responder: **Thanks be to God.**

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

JOHN 7:14-36

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

About the middle of the festival of Booths Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, “How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?” Then Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

“Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?” The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?” Jesus answered them, “I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man’s whole body on the sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from." Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come." The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, 'You will search for me and you will not find me' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

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.

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.

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

PROPER 16 (BCP p. 232)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

(BCP p. 126)

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.

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