

Evening Prayer: Rite Two

EASTER 2023

Officiant Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

The Confession is omitted during Eastertide.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER BCP p. 117

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron* BCP p. 118

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.

PSALM (see slide or insert)

FIRST READING (see slide or insert)

One of the following Canticles is read.

CANTICLE 15: The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) BCP p. 119

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for you Lord have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

You O Most Mighty have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.

Your have mercy on those who fear you *
in every generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm, *
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.

You have cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and have lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich you have sent 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 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.

CANTICLE 19: The Song of the Redeemed (Rev. 15:3-4)

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, BCP p. 94
great deeds are they that you have done, *

surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,

and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

SECOND READING (see slide or insert)

SAINT(S) OF THE DAY (see slide or insert)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Daily Prayer for All Seasons* p. 44

We are not alone; / we live in God's world. / We believe in God: / who has created and is creating, / who has come in Jesus, / the Word made flesh, / to reconcile and make new, / who works in us and others by the Spirit. / We trust in God. / We are called to be the Church: / to celebrate God's presence, / to live with respect in creation, / to love and serve others, / to seek justice and resist evil, / to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, / our judge and our hope. / In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. / We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP p. 121

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 or B

BCP pp. 121-122

- 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.**

SUFFRAGES B

BCP p. 122

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *and one or more Collects*

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 the Risen Life DPAS p. 110

Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Or a prayer for mission

BCP p. 124

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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS BCP p. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

EASTER RESPONSIVE PRAYER

DPAS p. 107

Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and truth.

May we walk in newness of life.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

May we walk in newness of life.

Strengthen us as witnesses to your love.

May we walk in newness of life.

DISMISSAL AND GRACE

BCP p. 126

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

The Officiant concludes with one of the following

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*

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

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Eph. 3:20, 21*