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Argula von Grumbach,
Scholar and Church Reformer, c. 1554

Evening Prayers
Rite II

Opening Sentence
Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord
Thanks be to God

The Invitatory and Psalter

Versicle
Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.
People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People
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.

(Officiant and people continue)
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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

(Proverbs 3:1-7)
1 My child, do not forget my teaching,
    but let your heart keep my commandments;
2 for length of days and years of life
    and abundant welfare they will give you.
3 Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
    bind them round your neck,
4 So you will find favour and good repute
   in the sight of God and of people.
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
   and do not rely on your own insight.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
   and he will make straight your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
   fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 118

(Psalm 118:19-29)
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
   I will enter them;
   I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
   he who is righteous may enter.”
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
   and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
   has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord’s doing, *
   and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
   we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
   Lord, send us now success.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
   we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
   form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
   you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
   his mercy endures for ever.

The Gospel:

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew

(Matthew 7:24-29)
24 ‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a
   wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the
winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of our Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Susan Riis

(Please Stand)

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.

The Lord’s Prayer
   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, 
forever and ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
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 with your Holy Spirit

The Collect of the Day
Almighty God, who gave your servant Argula von Grumbach a spirit of wisdom and power to love your Word and boldly to draw others to its truth: Pour out that same spirit upon us, so that we, knowing and loving your Holy Word, may be unashamed of Christ and may not sin against the Holy Spirit that is within us; this we ask in the name of the same Son and Holy Spirit, who live and reign with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 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.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People
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.

Blessing
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Grace
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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