

Christmas Eve

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Friday, December 24th, 2021

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia.

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

People: **O Come let us adore him.**

Deus, Deus meus *Psalm 63:1-8*

Officiant & People pray together

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.**

**So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.**

Antiphon

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

People: **O Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 89:1-29 *(read together in unison)*

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; * from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? * who is like the LORD among the gods?
- 7 God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts? * O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all around you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still the surging of its waves.
- 10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- 11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: * "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven."

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 59:15b-21

Layreader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Layreader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6* *(EOW Vol. 1)* *(read together in unison)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Layreader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Layreader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle R: A Song of True Motherhood *Julian of Norwich* (EOW Volume 1)
(read together in unison)

God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.
God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
arrayed himself in this humble place.
Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us;
Christ is the one whom we love.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant & People pray together

I believe in one 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.

**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-Form A

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 Prayers

The Officiant then prays the following Collects.

A Collect for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgiving may be offered, either silently or aloud.

General Thanksgivings

Officiant and people pray together

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

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 Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**