



*Thursday after the Second Sunday of Easter*

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

April 15, 2021

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Officiant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

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.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*

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 18:Part II***

*Et retribuet mihi*

**Ant:** The Lord lives! Exalted is the God of my salvation, hallelujah!

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 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 forever. Amen. [*Ant.*]

### ***FIRST LESSON Daniel 2:31-49***

"You were looking, O king, and lo! there was a great statue. This statue was huge, its brilliance extraordinary; it was standing before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of that statue was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As you looked on, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, were all broken in pieces and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. "This was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings-- to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory, into whose hand he has given human beings, wherever they live, the wild animals of the field, and the birds of the air, and whom he has established as ruler over them all-- you are the

head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth. And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; just as iron crushes and smashes everything, it shall crush and shatter all these. As you saw the feet and toes partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the strength of iron shall be in it, as you saw the iron mixed with the clay. As the toes of the feet were part iron and part clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so will they mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever; just as you saw that a stone was cut from the mountain not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has informed the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy." Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, worshiped Daniel, and commanded that a grain offering and incense be offered to him. The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery!" Then the king promoted Daniel, gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

## **The Song of Mary**    *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

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

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

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.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

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 for ever. Amen.**

**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**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
*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.*

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 you Holy Spirit.**

## COLLECTS

Officiant: Let us pray.

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**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.***

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings*

*In Memory of Betty, Florence, Eileen, Kay, Sy, Mikka, Akemi, Annie, Eloise, Sam, Bruce, Alixe and for David's cousin Canon Francis Ruben.*

*Continued healing for Dianne and Florence, Sarah, Paul, Victoria, Joshua, Karen, Hailey, Ted, Jacqueline, Diana, Chip, Lorraine, Seve, Charlie, Laura, Robert, Don, Jim, and Richard*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**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.***

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

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