

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

Officiant begins with the following:

I will bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin

Officiant says to the people:

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.*

*The Priest alone stands and says**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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 forever. Amen

-or-

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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.

then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed:

Psalm 68:1-20(21-23)24-36

1

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5

Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners

into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7

O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11

The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12

"Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils."

13

Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, *

you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14

When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15

O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16

Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,

at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17

The chariots of God are twenty thousand,

even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18

You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;

you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19

Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20

He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

(21

God shall crush the heads of his enemies, *
and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22

The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23

That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies.")

24

They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25

The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26

Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27

There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;

the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

28

Send forth your strength, O God; * establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29

Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31

Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32

Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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

-or-

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader: A reading from the Gospel, according to St. .

John 6:41-51

41The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." 42And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." -- [NKJV](#)

Reader: 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.

-OR-

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

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 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 People stand or kneel

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of

these sets of Suffrages

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 by your Holy Spirit.

or this

B

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 [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day:

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, the following prayer for mission is added.

Prayer for Mission

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.*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

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 our selves 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

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.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes with:

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