

## Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two (BCP, p.115)

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

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*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

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 Officiant alone says*

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

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*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 forever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

*The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said.*

## **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**

**Psalm 106:19-48** New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf at Horeb\*  
and worshiped a cast image.

<sup>20</sup>They exchanged the glory of God <sup>[a]</sup>  
for the image of an ox that eats grass.

<sup>21</sup>They forgot God, their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

<sup>22</sup>wondrous works in the land of Ham, \*  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>23</sup>Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him, \*  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

<sup>24</sup>Then they despised the pleasant land, \*  
having no faith in his promise.

<sup>25</sup>They grumbled in their tents, \*  
and did not obey the voice of the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them \*  
that he would make them fall in the wilderness,

<sup>27</sup>and would disperse <sup>[c]</sup> their descendants among the nations, \*  
scattering them over the lands.

<sup>28</sup>Then they attached themselves to the Baal of Peor, \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;

<sup>29</sup>they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.

<sup>30</sup>Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague was stopped.

<sup>31</sup>And that has been reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
from generation to generation forever.

<sup>32</sup>They angered the LORD <sup>[d]</sup> at the waters of Meribah, \*  
and it went ill with Moses on their account;

<sup>33</sup>for they made his spirit bitter, \*  
and he spoke words that were rash.

<sup>34</sup>They did not destroy the peoples, \*  
as the LORD commanded them,

<sup>35</sup>but they mingled with the nations \*  
and learned to do as they did.

<sup>36</sup>They served their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.

<sup>37</sup>They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to the demons;

<sup>38</sup>they poured out innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*

whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;  
and the land was polluted with blood.  
<sup>39</sup> Thus they became unclean by their acts, \*  
and prostituted themselves in their doings.  
<sup>40</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, \*  
and he abhorred his heritage;  
<sup>41</sup> he gave them into the hand of the nations, \*  
so that those who hated them ruled over them.  
<sup>42</sup> Their enemies oppressed them, \*  
and they were brought into subjection under their power.  
<sup>43</sup> Many times he delivered them,  
but they were rebellious in their purposes, \*  
and were brought low through their iniquity.  
<sup>44</sup> Nevertheless he regarded their distress \*  
when he heard their cry.  
<sup>45</sup> For their sake he remembered his covenant, \*  
and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>46</sup> He caused them to be pitied \*  
by all who held them captive.  
<sup>47</sup> Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations, \*  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.  
<sup>48</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting. \*  
And let all the people say, "Amen."  
Praise the LORD!

*At the end of the Psalms is 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.

## **The Lessons**

*One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

**2** As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> **2** not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. **3** Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one<sup>[b]</sup> is revealed, the one destined for destruction.<sup>[c]</sup> **4** He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. **5** Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? **6** And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> will destroy<sup>[e]</sup> with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, **10** and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, **12** so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

**13** But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters<sup>[f]</sup> beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits<sup>[g]</sup> for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. **14** For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news,<sup>[h]</sup> so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** So then, brothers and sisters,<sup>[i]</sup> stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

**16** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, **17** comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (BCP, p.119)

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 forever.

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.

### A Reading from **Matthew 7:1-12**

7 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s <sup>[a]</sup> eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor, <sup>[b]</sup> ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s <sup>[c]</sup> eye.

<sup>6</sup> “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

<sup>7</sup> “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will

give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup> “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis* (BCP, p.120)

*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 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

*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.

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrage*

**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.

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

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day (BCP, p.123)*

*A Collect for Sundays*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new

Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Fridays*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Saturdays*

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*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.*

*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

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.*

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayer for mission is added*

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.*

*or this*

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.*

*or the following*

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.*

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

*The General Thanksgiving (BCP, p. 125)*

*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 (BCP, p.126)*

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. Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may  
be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

*The Officiant may then conclude 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 him from  
generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

