

Rite I

Friday after Ash Wednesday – Year 2

Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth 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

### **Versicle and Response**

O God, make speed to save us.

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 for ever. Amen.

### **Invitatory**

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.

### **Psalms**

#### **35 *Judica, Domine***

1 Fight those who fight me, O Lord; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against those  
who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid;  
let them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the Lord; \*  
I will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "Lord, who is like you? \*  
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from those who rob them."

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting;

14 I prayed with my whole heart,  
as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,  
bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;  
they gathered against me; \*  
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and  
would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts,  
and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  
nor let those who hate me without a cause  
wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the  
quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  
"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."

22 You saw it, O Lord; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O Lord my God,  
according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts,  
"Aha! just what we want!" \*  
Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with  
dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  
let them say always, "Great is the Lord,  
who desires the prosperity of his servant."

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  
and of your praise all the day long.

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.

## **Reading**

### **Philippians 4:1-9**

41 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, \* whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, \* help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice \* in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. \* 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, \* whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about \* these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 17**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy 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 Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.  
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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and  
goodwill,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole  
world,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and  
not be condemned before the great judgment seat  
of Christ,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in  
the communion of all thy saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
We entreat thee, O Lord.

### **Collect of the Day: Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou  
hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are  
penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that  
we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our  
wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the  
sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in  
faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall  
asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for  
thy tender mercies' sake. Amen.

### **For Mission**

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy  
presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in

companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

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

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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