

Saturday Year 2 – Epiphany 2  
Evening Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Psalm 141:2

### **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. Alleluia.

### **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**

#### **42** *Quemadmodum*

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; \*

for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength,  
"Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?"

12 While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

#### **43** *Judica me, Deus*

1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God,

to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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**

### **Hebrews 7:18-28**

18 There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

20 This was confirmed with an oath; for others who became priests took their office without an oath, 21 but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him,

‘The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest for ever” ’—

22 accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.

25 Consequently he is able for all time to save\* those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other\* high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### **Canticle 15**

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.

### **The Apostle's 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.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **Collect of the Day: The Second Sunday after The Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For Mission**

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.

### **Prayers and Intercessions**

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

### **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.

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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