

Sunday

Evening Prayer – Proper 9 in Year 1

### **Opening Sentence**

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15,16

### **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**

#### **Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD!\*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works\*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;\*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever,\*  
because they are done in truth and equity.  
9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever;\*  
holy and awesome is his Name.  
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### **Psalm 112**

1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord\*  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;\*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,\*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.  
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;\*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending\*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.  
6 For they will never be shaken;\*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;\*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.  
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,\*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
9 They have given freely to the poor,\*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.  
10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;\*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## **Psalm 113**

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD;\*  
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed,\*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down\*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations,\*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,\*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust\*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes,\*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house\*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

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**

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 17**

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 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**

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 all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

### **Collect of the Day: Proper 9**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **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.

### **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.

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