

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer – Proper 9 in Year 1

### **Opening Sentence**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Psalm 96:9

### **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.

### **Psalm**

#### **Psalm 12**

<sup>1</sup>Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left;\*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.  
<sup>2</sup>Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.  
<sup>3</sup>Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues,\*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!  
<sup>4</sup>Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail;\*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"  
<sup>5</sup>"Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery,\*  
I will rise up," says the LORD,  
"and give them the help they long for."  
<sup>6</sup>The words of the LORD are pure words,\*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.  
<sup>7</sup>O LORD, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.  
<sup>8</sup>The wicked prowl on every side,\*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

## Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup>How long, O LORD?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?  
<sup>2</sup>How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
<sup>3</sup>Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
<sup>4</sup>Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"\*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
<sup>5</sup>But I put my trust in your mercy;\*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
<sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly;\*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

## Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."\*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.  
<sup>3</sup>Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad;\*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.  
<sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?  
<sup>5</sup>See how they tremble with fear,\*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup>Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,\*  
but the LORD is their refuge.  
<sup>7</sup>Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

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

Luke 24:12-35

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.\*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles\* from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were

talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.\* Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,\* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.\* Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah\* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us\* while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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**

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: 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 Protection**

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.

### **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.

### **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.

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