Sunday Evening Prayer – Proper 10 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 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,*

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary*

and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled;*

Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,*

and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?*

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?*

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,*

at the presence of the God of Jacob, 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water* and flint-stone into a flowing spring. Psalm 115 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory;* because of your love and because of your faithfulness. 2 Why should the heathen say,* "Where then is their God?" 3 Our God is in heaven;* whatever he wills to do he does. 4 Their idols are silver and gold,* the work of human hands. 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak;* eyes have they, but they cannot see; 6 They have ears but they cannot hear;* noses, but they cannot smell; 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk;* they make no sound with their throat. 8 Those who make them are like them,* and so are all who put their trust in them. 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD;* he is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;* he is their help and their shield. 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;* he is their help and their shield. 12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us;* he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; 13 He will bless those who fear the LORD,* both small and great together. 14 May the LORD increase you more and more,*

you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD,*

the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,*

but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD,*

nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD,*

from this time forth for evermore.

Hallelujah!

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 23:29-39

'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets." Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell?* Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate.* For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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 10

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and may also have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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