Daily Evening Prayer: Rite II



Create

in me a

clean heart,

O God,

and put a

new and right

spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

**St. John’s Episcopal Church**

Beverly Farms, Massachusetts

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

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*The following hymn, or a metrical version of it, or some other hymn is then sung.*

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

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.

*Then follows* ***The Psalm or Psalms Appointed***

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;\***

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***The First Lesson***

**The Song of Mary***Magnificat*   
*Luke 1:46-55*   
  
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 Second Lesson**

**The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis  
Luke 2:29-32*  
  
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.

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| **The Apostles' 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 Prayers**  *The People stand or kneel*  *Officiant* The Lord be with you.  ***People* And also with you.**  *Officiant* 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 A**  V.    Show us your mercy, O Lord;  **R.    And grant us your salvation.**  V.    Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  **R.    Let your people sing with joy.**  V.    Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  **R.    For only in you can we live in safety.**  V.    Lord, keep this nation under your care;  **R.    And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  V.    Let your way be known upon earth;  **R.    Your saving health among all nations.**  V.    Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  **R.    Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  V.    Create in us clean hearts, O God;  **R.    And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.** |  |

**Suffrages B**

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 [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

**Collects**

*A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays   
O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give   
you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

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.

*A Collect for Protection*

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

*A Prayer 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.

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

Almighty God, Father and Mother of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*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.

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*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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*

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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*