



May 13th, 2020, at 5:30 pm

# Evening Prayer

**Feast of St. Frances Perkins**

Please remember to keep your microphone on mute unless you are speaking; it's hard to hear otherwise. You might also consider being a lesson reader or intercessor. All **bold** text is spoken by the people.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. (Psalm 139: 10,11)

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE 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.

## PSALM – 72

Give the King your justice, O God, \*

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**That he may rule your people righteously \***

**and the poor with justice.**

That the mountains may bring prosperity

to the people, \*

and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people; \***

**he shall rescue the poor**

**and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*

from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain**

**upon the mown field, \***

**like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*

there shall be abundance of peace

till the moon shall be no more.

**He shall rule from sea to sea, \***

**and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

His foes shall bow down before him, \*

and his enemies lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles**

**shall pay tribute, \***

**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All kings shall bow down before him, \*

and all the nations do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor**

**who cries out in distress, \***

**and the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**He shall redeem their lives from oppression  
and violence, \***

**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Long may he live!

and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*

may prayer be made for him always,

and may they bless him all the day long.

**May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \***

**may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,**

**and its grain like grass upon the earth.**

May his Name remain for ever

and be established as long as the sun endures; \*

may all the nations bless themselves in him

and call him blessed.

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*

and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

## **THE FIRST READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SONG OF SIMEON**

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **THE SECOND READING – Matthew 6:19-24**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **A SHORT HOMILY – The Rev'd Canon Betsy Ivey**

### **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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

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 the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, of St. Frances Perkins, advocate for children and workers, of St. Alban and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Then the Officiant offers three prayers, and intercessions and thanksgivings, then adds:*

Christ our God, who at all times and through every hour are worshiped and glorified both in heaven and on earth; you who are so patient, full of mercy and compassion; who love the just and show mercy to sinners; who summon all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Lord, now receive our prayers at this present hour and direct our lives in accordance with your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our minds, clarify our intentions, and deliver us from every calamity, evil, and distress. Stand your holy angels around us, that, guided and protected by their ranks, we may come into the unity of faith and the knowledge of your unapproachable glory—for blessed are you to the ages of ages. **Amen. Alleluia.**

### **A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN 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.**

*Then the Officiant offers a blessing.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.