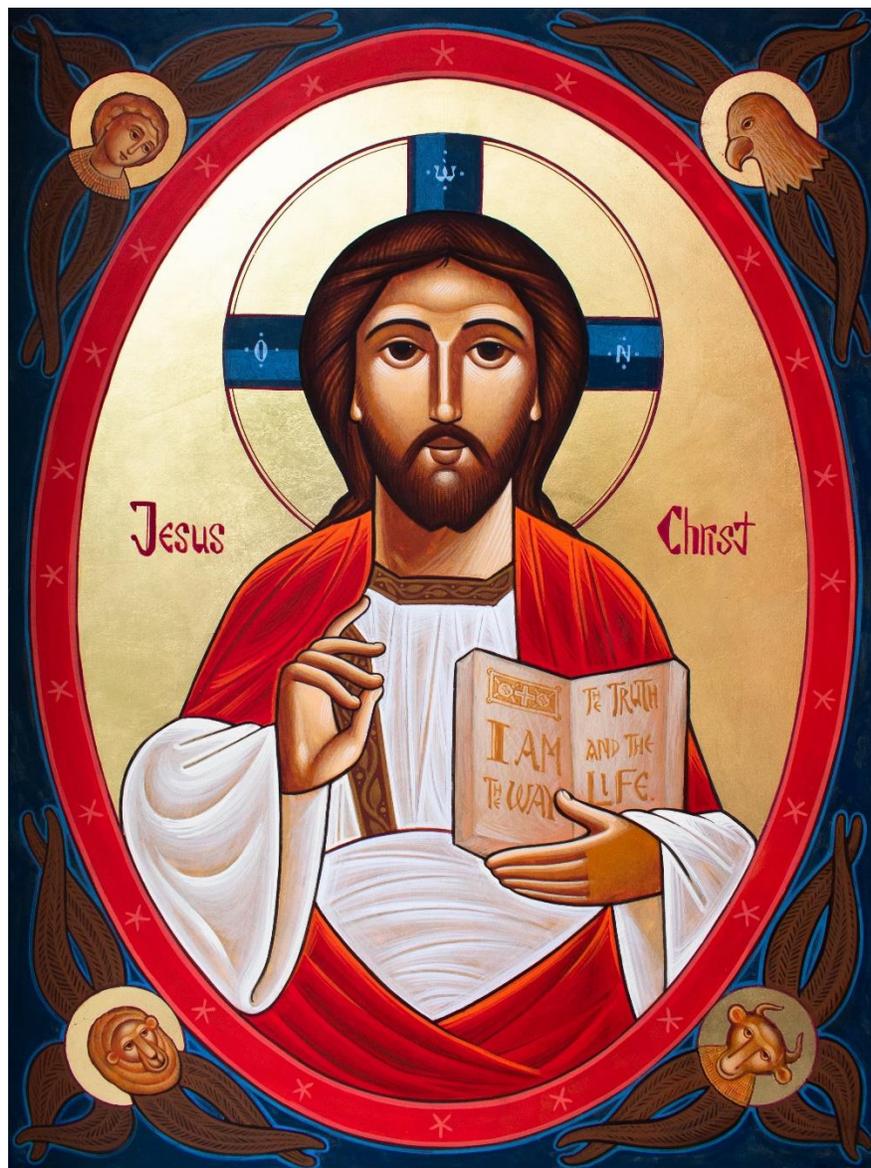
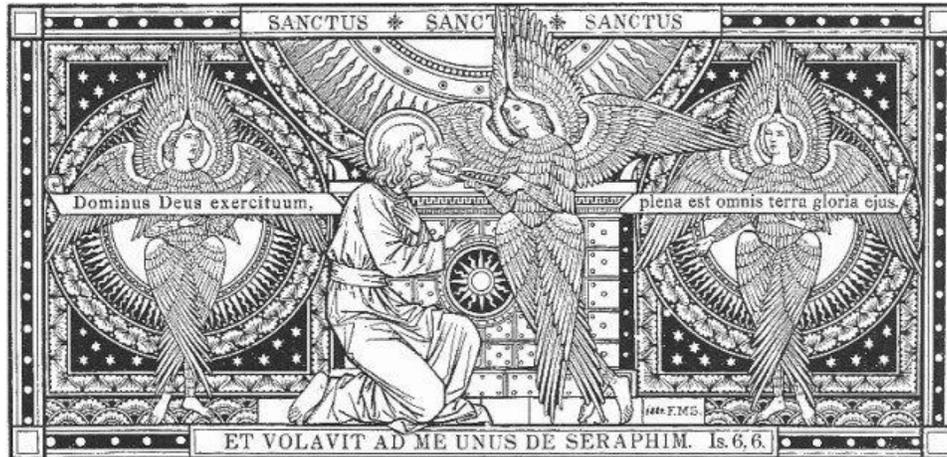


An Order for
Evening Prayer

All Saints Anglican Church, Westboro



Wednesday, May 13, 2020



Evening Prayer

Officiant: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
All: Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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!

Phos Hilaron

All:

1. Hail, gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
2. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!
3. Worthiest art Thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, Giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world Thy glories, Lord, they own.

The Psalms

73. Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
74. Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.
75. I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
76. Let your loving-kindness be my comfort *
as you have promised to your servant.
77. Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
your law is my delight.
78. Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.
79. Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.
80. Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.
81. My soul has longed for your salvation; *
I have put my hope in your word.
82. My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, *
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"
83. I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, *
but I have not forgotten your statutes.
84. How much longer must I wait? *
when will you give judgement against those who persecute me?
85. The proud have dug pits for me; *
they do not keep your law.
86. All your commandments are true; *
help me, for they persecute me with lies.
87. They had almost made an end of me on earth, *
but I have not forsaken your commandments.
88. In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.
89. O Lord, your word is everlasting; *
it stands firm in the heavens.
90. Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *
you established the earth, and it abides.
91. By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.
92. If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.
93. I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.

94. I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.
95. Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
96. I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

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.

First Lesson

Officiant: A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon...

¹For all people who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature;
and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know the one who exists,
nor did they recognize the artisan while paying heed to his works;

²but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air,
or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water,
or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world.

³If through delight in the beauty of these things people assumed them to be gods,
let them know how much better than these is their Lord,
for the author of beauty created them.

⁴And if people^[a] were amazed at their power and working,
let them perceive from them
how much more powerful is the one who formed them.

⁵For from the greatness and beauty of created things
comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.

⁶Yet these people are little to be blamed,
for perhaps they go astray
while seeking God and desiring to find him.

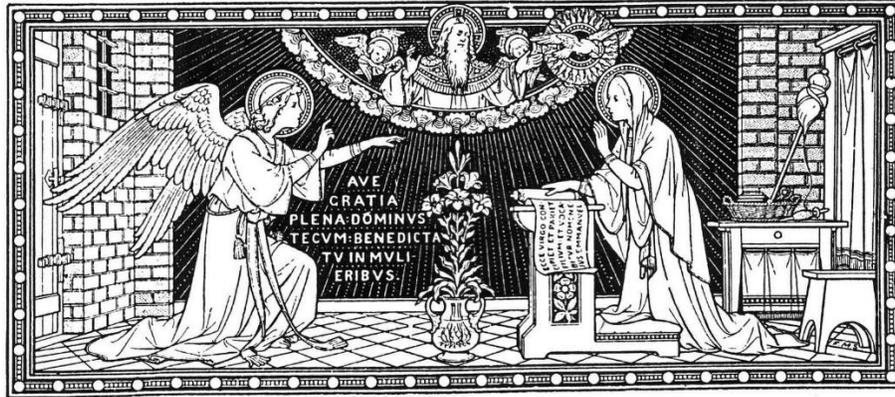
⁷For while they live among his works, they keep searching,
and they trust in what they see, because the things that are seen are beautiful.

⁸Yet again, not even they are to be excused;

⁹for if they had the power to know so much
that they could investigate the world,
how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Magnificat

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour 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.

Second Lesson

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew...

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Officiant: ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but 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!

²⁴“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 Gospel of Christ.

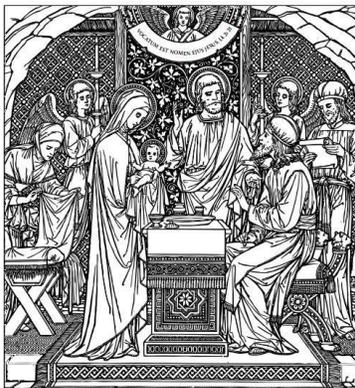
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nunc Dimittis

**All: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to 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.**



Apostles' Creed

Officiant: I believe in God,
All: 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.



Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Officiant: Let us pray... Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

All: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Officiant: For the peace of the whole world, we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: For those who are weary, sleepless, and depressed, we pray to you, Lord,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: For those who are hungry, sick, and frightened, we pray to you, Lord,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: For rest and refreshment, we pray to you, Lord,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. **Amen.**

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 Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works, give to us your servants that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on doing your will, and that, freed from fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
All: **Amen.**

