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Evening Prayer with a Service of Healing and Holy Communion May 7, 2025

The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: 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.

Together, all say:

**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 27:7-11 (Said by the half verse)

⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

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 Lessons

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:19-24)

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the

new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,

Canticle: The Song of Mary *(all say together)*

**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 forever.**

**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.**

A Reading from The Word of the Lord

Matthew 23:37-39

Jesus said, "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.'"

Homily

Bruce Dockter

Canticle: The Song of Simeon *(all say together)*

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 Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing:

**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 Lords's Prayer

Officiant Let us pray the words our Savior taught us.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Litany of Healing

Officiant Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people may speak the names for those they are interceding.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

We praise and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

We praise and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships and restore to those in emotional distress, soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses and all others who minister to those who suffer, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death; and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

Hear us, O Lord, of life.

God our Savior, restore us, renew us and strengthen us.

Hear us, O Lord of life and make us whole.

Officiant May the God of love visit us in our times of trial and weakness, and raise us to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant: The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life with God and each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ.

You are invited to other yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The ministers then lay hands upon each person and anoint them with oil. After all have been blessed, the following prayer is said:

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be

now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for full health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All: 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.

Holy Communion

Communion is administered from the reserved sacrament. When the Bread and Wine are placed on the Lord's Table, then is said the following prayer.

Officiant Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

All persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.
All Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation.; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Officiant May God the Father bless us, God the Son heal us, God the Holy Spirit give us strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard our

bodies, save our souls, and bring us safely into his heaven country; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.



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