



EVENING PRAYER

**CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
SAVANNAH, GA**

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is *
when brethren dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *
even Aaron's beard, and went down to the edges of his clothing,
- 3 Like the dew of Hermon, *
which falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 4 For there the LORD promised his blessing, *
even life for evermore.

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu-man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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DAILY EVENING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

Isaiah 6:3

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

**that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

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

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PHOS HILARON

O gladsome 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 150

- 1 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his holiness; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; *
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrels and dances; *
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with the resounding cymbals; *
praise him with the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. *
O praise the LORD.

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT The Song of Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on, *
all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him, *
throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; *
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:5-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, *
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, *
which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

THE THIRD READING Matthew 28:16-20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

“Glorify Thy Name”

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Strong and majestic

1. Fa - ther,
2. Je - sus, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we a -
3. Spir - it,

dore Thee. Glo - ri - fy Thy Name in all the
earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy
Name. Glo - ri - fy Thy Name. Glo - ri -
fy Thy Name in all the earth.

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THE APOSTLE'S 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 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

**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.

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR RESURRECTION HOPE

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.**

A COLLECT 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.**

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father 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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

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