



ELECTION DAY VIGIL

Order of Service



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8:00 AM
Lauds and Holy Eucharist

Invitatory

All stand when the sound of the chime dissipates.

O God, make speed to save us.

O God, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Psalm 37, Part I, vs. 1-18

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in God and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in God, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, *
who will bring it to pass.

6 God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before God; *
for God wait patiently.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 God laughs at the wicked, *
seeing that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow
to strike down the poor and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has *
is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
but God upholds the righteous.

This doxology follows:

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

James 2:5-9, 12-17

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. [...] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,[e] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A pause for reflection follows.

Canticle

Isaiah 25: 1, 4, 6-9

O God, you are my God; I will exalt you; *
I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.

You have been a refuge to the poor, *
a refuge to the needy in their distress.

You have been a shelter from the rainstorm *
and a shade from the heat.

On this mountain the God of hosts will make for all peoples *
a feast of rich food!

A feast of well-aged wines, *
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear

And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, *
The sheet that is spread over all nations: death will be swallowed up forever.

Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces, *
and the disgrace of the people will be taken away from all the earth, for the Mighty One has
spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God for whom we have waited; *
Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Gospel

Matthew 25:34-46

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[a] you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

A pause for reflection follows.

Homily – Bishop J. Scott Barker

The Benedictus Antiphon

The Officiant begins the antiphon

You have saved us from our enemies, O God, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

The Benedictus

Blessed are you, O God of Israel; *
you have come to your people and set us free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old, that you would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

You promised to show mercy to our forebearers *
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Promised One to prepare the way,

To give all people knowledge of salvation, *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

All repeat the appointed antiphon.

Intercessions

Officiant: For what shall we pray?

The People offer their intercessions silently or aloud. The Officiant concludes with these words or something similar:

We commend to you, Almighty God, all for whom we pray - aloud or in the silence of our hearts - through Christ our Lord.

Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of the Incarnation

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and

above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Benedict, Saint Scholastica, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

The assembly communes one another and the Priest. Silence for reflection follows the Communion.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Priest may bless the People.

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Priest, dismisses the People with these words:

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

The people bow to each other across the choir and then bow to the altar.

8:45 AM
Silent Prayer

A period of silent prayer will be held from the end of Lauds until Adoration at 9 AM.

9:00 AM
Adoration

Br. Jerry and Br. James will lead us in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 AM.

10:00 AM
Centering Prayer

Br. James will lead us in the practice of Centering Prayer at 10 AM.

11:00 AM
Reflection by The Reverend Amanda Gott

Rev. Amanda will offer a reflection on Scripture at 11 AM.

11:15 AM
Music for Meditation

Meditative Taize music will be played live at the end of Rev. Amanda's reflection

12:00 PM
Midday Prayer for Justice During Campaign Season

Invitatory

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

Psalm 119

Spoken in unison

**105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.**

**106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**

**107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**

**108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**

**109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.**

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

**111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

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.

Matthew 11: 2-6

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me. **Thanks be to God.**

A meditation with quiet music will follow for approximately five minutes.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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 as who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

Officiant: Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to those our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 826). **Amen.**

Officiant: Loving God of all: We ask you to hear the prayers of your people in this time of pandemic, racial strife, economic hardship, and a fraught election season. Hear us and help us, O God, as we lay before you our hopes and prayers during this election season.
Hear us and help us, O God. (and after each prayer request)

- For a fair and clean election with no interference from either foreign or domestic corrupting influences.
- That no citizens' vote will be suppressed and that every possible way to vote either by mail or in person will be protected.
- For an end to the COVID pandemic and for the good use of science and medical expertise in healing our nation and world of this dreadful disease.
- That all people of this land will learn that Black Lives Matter and that the dismantling of structural racism must finally be done to amend four hundred years of injustice.
- That economic justice will be done for the working poor and for all those who struggle to make ends meet.
- That all our elected officials will work together to protect your Creation.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 824). **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

12:15 PM

Prayer with Music

Time for silent prayer with meditative music will be offered after Mid-day Prayer.

1:00 PM

Reflection by the Reverend Steven King

Rev. Steven will offer a reflection on Scripture at 1 PM.

1:15 PM

Silent Prayer

Time for silent prayer will be offered after Rev. Steven's reflection.

2:00 PM

Adoration

Br. Jerry and Br. James will lead us in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2 PM.

3:00 PM

Reflection by Archdeacon Betsy Blake Bennett

Archdeacon Betsy will offer a reflection on Scripture at 3 PM.

3:15 PM

Prayer with Music

Time for silent prayer with meditative music will be offered after Archdeacon Betsy's reflection.

4:00 PM

Centering Prayer

Br. James will lead us in the practice of Centering Prayer at 4 PM.

5:00 PM

Reflection by the Reverend Mark Selvey

Rev. Mark will offer a reflection on Scripture at 5 PM.

5:15 PM

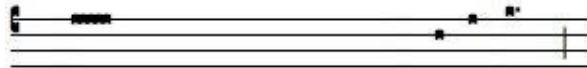
Music for Meditation

Meditative Taize music will be played live at the end of Rev. Mark's reflection

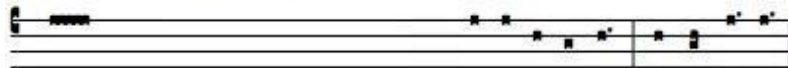
5:30 PM Vespers



Officiant: O God, make speed to save us. *Response:* O God, make haste to help us.



All: Glory to the holy and undivided Trini-ty, one God:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory among the nations, *
God's wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For God is great and greatly to be praised, *
more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, *
but it is God who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, *
ascribe to God honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
- 9 Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.

10 Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
and will judge the peoples with equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God, who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.

13 God will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with truth.

This doxology follows:

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.**

Reading

Luke 13:1-9 NRSV

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

A pause for reflection follows.

The Magnificat Antiphon

The Officiant begins the antiphon.

O God, you have lifted up the lowly *
and filled the hungry with good things.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of our God
my whole being finds joy in God my Savior.
God has looked on the lowliness of God's servant
all generations to come will call me blessed.

For me has God done great deeds,
God, the mighty, whose name is holy.
God's mercy is on all who revere God,
from one generation to the next.

God has put forth God's arm in strength
And thwarted the plans of the proud.
God has cast down the mighty from their thrones
to high places God has raised the lowly
With good things God has filled the hungry,
and sent away the rich empty handed.

God has upheld God's servant Israel,
remembering the promise of mercy
which God made to our people long ago:
for Abraham, Sarah, and God's seed for-ever.

**Give glory to God our Creator
God has fulfilled God's promise in Mary;
She gave birth to Christ our Savior
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

The antiphon is repeated.

Closing Prayers

Intercessions

Officiant: For what shall we pray?

The People offer their intercessions silently or aloud. The Officiant concludes with these words or something similar:

We commend to you, Almighty God, all for whom we pray - aloud or in the silence of our hearts - through Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of our president, senators and representatives, as well as those who hold state and local offices; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation may be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless our God.

To God be thanks for ever.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The people then bow to the altar.

6:00 PM

The Jesus Prayer

Br. James will lead us in The Jesus Prayer at 6 PM.

6:30 PM

Adoration

Br. Jerry and Br. James will lead us in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM.

7:45 PM Compline

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.
Let us confess our sins to God.

Pause for silent reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Psalms 91

Spoken in unison.

**1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *

and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes only have to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *

and show him my salvation.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Scripture Reading

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. - Matthew 11:28-30

Thanks be to God.

The Prayers

Lord into your hands I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be you Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
one earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

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.**

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.**

Guide us waking oh Lord, and guard us sleeping

That awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace
The Song of Simeon:

Lord you now have set you servant free
To go in peace and 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.

Guide us waking oh Lord, and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
Amen.