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**TABLE**

Evening Prayer  
for Election Night 2020

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## Opening Sentence of Scripture *John 8:12*

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## Confession of Sin

Most Merciful God, who sings songs of deliverance over us whenever we are afraid of our own sinfulness: Grant us the courage to face our faults, that we may receive your gift of repentance and relationship through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All may kneel. 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.**

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory

O Lord, open our lips;

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

O God, make speed to save us;

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

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.**

Praise the Lord.

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

## O Gladsome Light *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.**

## The Psalms *Psalms 8 and 24*

### *Psalms 8*

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is your Name in all the world; \*

**you have set your glory above the heavens!**

Out of the mouth of babes and infants you have ordained  
strength, because of your enemies, \*

**that you might still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, even the works of your fingers, \*

**the moon and the stars, which you have ordained,**

What is man, that you are mindful of him, \*

**the son of man, that you visit him?**

You made him little lower than the angels, \*

**to crown him with glory and honor.**

You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands, \*

**and you have put all things in subjection under his feet:**

All sheep and oxen, \*

**even the beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, \*

**and whatsoever walks through the paths of the seas.**

O Lord our Governor, \*

**how excellent is your Name in all the world!**

Almighty God, who created us in your own image to live in loving community: Grant us grace fearlessly to practice the politics of love as we contend against evil and humbly pursue peace and justice in our communities and among the nations, that all people might live together in unity to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### ***Psalm 24***

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*

**the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.**

For he has founded it upon the seas \*

**and established it upon the rivers of the deep.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? \*

**Or who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, \*

**and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.**

He shall receive blessing from the Lord \*

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

This is the generation of those who seek him, \*

**even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*

**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is the King of glory?" \*

**"It is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*

**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is the King of glory?" \*

**"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

**Glory 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.**

## 4 Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 49:8-16*

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you,  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I have kept you and given you  
as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land,  
to apportion the desolate heritages;  
saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"  
to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."  
They shall feed along the ways,  
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;  
they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.  
And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.  
Lo, these shall come from far away,  
and lo, these from the north and from the west,  
and these from the land of Syene.  
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the Lord has comforted his people,  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.  
But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,  
my Lord has forgotten me."  
Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.  
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually before me.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

King Jesus, Lord of all, make in us repentant hearts—hating what is evil, loving what is good—setting us free to live out the politics of your arriving kingdom, by the power of the Holy Spirit who with the Father, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Matthew 5:3-12**

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Song of Mary *Magificat - Luke 1:46-55*

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;**

6 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.**

## 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 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.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

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 in your Church and in 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 Table and all your saints, entrusting one  
another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

Loving, generous Father, empower us with the gift of prayer as we  
live out your politics of love in the world, partnered with Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Collects

### **Proper 26**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to  
love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that  
are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect For Peace**

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **A Collect For Aid Against Perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by 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.**

## **A Prayer 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.**

## **Personal Prayer**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered, after each is said:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## **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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Grace** *Romans 15:13*

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