



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# EVENING PRAYER

THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER  
*with* PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

January 18, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

*Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer at Saint Mark's Cathedral via Zoom. Today we observe the Confession of Saint Peter and will offer prayers with intention for the nation.*

**Note: Everyone will be muted upon entry to this Zoom meeting.**

**OFFICIANT**

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, *Canon for Congregational Life*

*The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture.*

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

*Psalm 16:7,8*

*Officiant* I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 19*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant* God of all mercy,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**All Amen.**

# THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

## OPENING VERSICLE & RESPONSE

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 20*

*Officiant* O God, be not far from us.

*People* Come quickly to help us, O God.

*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## PHOS HILARON

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 23*

*Officiant* Light of the world,

*All* in grace and beauty,  
Mirror of God's eternal face,  
Transparent flame of love's free duty,  
You bring salvation to our race.  
Now, as we see the lights of evening,  
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
Worthy are you of endless blessing,  
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

## PSALTER *Psalm 118 ♦ Confitemini Domino*

*Led by: Rachel Baker*

*All are invited to join the leader in reading the Psalm aloud (all will remain on mute).*

- G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
His mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 5 I called to the LORD in my distress; \*  
the LORD answered by setting me free.
- 6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  
what can anyone do to me?
- 7 The LORD is at my side to help me; \*  
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
than to put any trust in flesh.
- 9 It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
than to put any trust in rulers.
- 10 All the ungodly encompass me; \*  
in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

- 12 They swarm about me like bees;  
they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
but the LORD came to my help.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

**All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

**LESSON** *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

*Read by: Alan Carter*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

**T**HUS says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus (Luke 1:68-79)*  
*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 27*

*Officiant* Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

*All* **you have come to your people and set them 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  
to save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father 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 Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's 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.  
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**W**HEN they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE: A SONG OF THE HEAVENLY CITY**

(Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4)  
*Enriching Our Worship 1*, p. 38

*Officiant* I saw no temple in the city, \*

*All* **for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.  
 And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, \*  
 for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
 By its light the nations shall walk, \*  
 and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.  
 Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; \*  
 into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.  
 I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, \*  
 flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
 The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, \*  
 and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.  
 All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,  
 and all servants give worship there; \*  
 there they will see God’s face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.  
 Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Enriching Our Worship 1*, p. 41

*Officiant* I believe in God,

**All** the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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

### SALUTATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**All** 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 SUFFRAGES

- Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**
- Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**
- Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**
- 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 sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Confession of Saint Peter*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 238*

- Officiant* **A**Lmighty Father, who inspired Saint Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- All* **Amen.**

## PRAYER IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 824*

- Officiant* **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.
- All* **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR MISSION *For the Human Family*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 815*

- Officiant* **O**God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All* **Amen.**

*The Officiant bids our prayers. On the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Counters, the Finance Committee, and the Facilities Committee.*

**PRAYERS FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 821 (adapted)*

*Officiant* O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

*People* **Lord, keep this nation under your care.**

*Officiant* To the President and Vice-President, and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

*People* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

*Officiant* To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

*People* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

*Officiant* To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

*People* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

*Officiant* And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

*People* **For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.**

**A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 833*

*All* **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we  
are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL & CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 102*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **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.**