



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

EVENING PRAYER

with PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

remembering WULFSTAN, BISHOP OF WORCESTER (1095)

January 19, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer at Saint Mark's Cathedral via Zoom. Today we remember Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, and we will offer prayers with intention for the nation.

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

OFFICIANT

Jo Ann Bailey

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

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Officiant It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 us, forgive us all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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 36 ♦ Dixit injustus

Led by: Nelda LaLicata

All are invited to join the leaders in reading the Psalms aloud (all will remain on mute).

- T**HERE is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 He flatters himself in his own eyes *
that his hateful sin will not be found out.
 - 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.
 - 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed
and has set himself in no good way; *
he does not abhor that which is evil.
 - 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
 - 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
 - 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.
 - 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 - 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
 - 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.
 - 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

- 12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 39 ♦ Dixi, Custodiam

Led by: Sandra Smith

- I** SAID, "I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.
- 2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words;
but my pain became unbearable.
- 4 My heart was hot within me;
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *
I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.
- 6 You have given me a mere handful of days,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.
- 7 We walk about like a shadow,
and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.
- 8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.
- 9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.
- 10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.
- 11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.
- 14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.
- 15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.

**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 *Isaiah 44:9-20*

Read by: Kirsti Charlton

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

ALL WHO make idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit; their witnesses neither see nor know. And so they will be put to shame. Who would fashion a god or cast an image that can do no good? Look, all its devotees shall be put to shame; the artisans too are merely human. Let them all assemble, let them stand up; they shall be terrified, they shall all be put to shame.

The ironsmith fashions it and works it over the coals, shaping it with hammers, and forging it with his strong arm; he becomes hungry and his strength fails, he drinks no water and is faint. The carpenter stretches a line, marks it out with a stylus, fashions it with planes, and marks it with a compass; he makes it in human form, with human beauty, to be set up in a shrine. He cuts down cedars or chooses a holm tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. Then it can be used as fuel. Part of it he takes and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes a god and worships it, makes it a carved image and bows down before it. Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he roasts meat, eats it and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Ah, I am warm, I can feel the fire!" The rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, bows down to it and worships it; he prays to it and says, "Save me, for you are my god!"

They do not know, nor do they comprehend; for their eyes are shut, so that they cannot see, and their minds as well, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals, I roasted meat and have eaten. Now shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; a deluded mind has led him astray, and he cannot save himself or say, "Is not this thing in my right hand a fraud?"

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

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell.

CANTICLE: THE SONG OF MARY

*Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 27*

Officiant My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

**All my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

LESSON *Mark 3:19b-35*

Read by: Juanita Gardner

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

JESUS went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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CANTICLE: THE SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 120*

Officiant Lord, you now have set your servant free *

**All 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.***

**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.**

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 207

- Officiant* **L**ORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who has created all the peoples of the earth for love, and to serve you and one another in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- All* **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095*

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

- Officiant* **A**LMIGHTY GOD, your only-begotten Son led captivity captive and gave gifts to your people: Multiply among us faithful pastors, who, like your holy bishop Wulfstan, will give courage to those who are oppressed and held in bondage; and bring us all, we pray, into the true freedom of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- All* **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 124

- Officiant* **K**EEP 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.
- All* **Amen.**

The Officiant bids our prayers. On the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Garden Ministry, Health Ministry, and Hospitality Ministry.

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COLLECT FOR THE NATION

Anglican Church in Canada

Officiant **A**Lmighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & STRENGTH

*by Bryon Rushing, VP of House of Deputies,
adapted from Midday Prayers in A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Officiant At this time,
during these times,
above all in God's time...

Let us praise God and—
through all our uncertainty—
strive to thank God for all the blessings of this life, for our
redemption, and for all that draws us closer to God.

Silence.

Let us find peace within ourselves.

Silence.

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid.

Silence.

Knowing that we are all nourished from the same source of life, may we so live that
others be not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

Silence.

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be a cause of suffering of one another.

Silence.

With humility let us pray and act for the establishment of peace in our hearts, in our
communities and on the whole earth.

Silence.

All Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 125

All 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.

DISMISSAL & CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ
Jesus for ever and ever.

All Amen.