



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# EVENING PRAYER

*with* PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

*remembering* FABIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR (250)

January 20, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

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

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

## OFFICIANT

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, *Canon for Cathedral Relations*

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

### SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

*John 8:12*

*Officiant* Jesus said, "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

*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 *Psalms 119:25-32* ♦ *Daleth: Adhæsit pavimento*

*Led by: Rachel Baker*

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

**M**Y SOUL cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.

*Psalm 119:33-40 ♦ He: Legem pone*

*Led by: Kirsti Charlton*

- T**EACH me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*Psalm 119:41-48 ♦ Waw: Et veniat super me*

*Led by: Juanita Gardner*

- L**ET your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.
- 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.
- 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

## 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 4:1-20*

*Read by: Sharon Ferguson*

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

**A** GAIN Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."

And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### **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* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

*Officiant* That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

*Officiant* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

*Officiant* That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

*Officiant* That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

*Officiant* That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of Fabian, Mary, Mark, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*People* We entreat you, O Lord.

## PRAYER FOR THE NATION

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 207*

*Officiant* LORD 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** *Fabian, Bishop and Martyr, 250*

*Officiant* **G**RANT, Almighty God, that in all times of trial and persecution, we might remain steadfast in faith and endurance, according to the example of your servant Fabian, who was faithful even unto death. We ask this for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; 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. 125*

*Officiant* **O** GOD, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Officiant bids our prayers. On the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Office Volunteers, Pastoral Care Team, and the Quilt Ministry.*

*All are invited to share your prayers either silently, or in the chat box. A moment of silent prayer is observed.*

**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* 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.**