

# A Service of Evening Prayer

## **Musical Meditation**

*Solemn Melody - Davies*

*a moment of silence*

*The Officiant greets the people with these words.*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## **Absolution**

## **The Invitatory**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious 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 Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

*15 Domine, quis habitabit?*

*1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \**

*who may abide upon your holy hill?*

*2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \**

*who speaks the truth from his heart.*

*3 There is no guile upon his tongue;*

*he does no evil to his friend; \**

*he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*

*4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \**

*but he honors those who fear the Lord.*

*5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.*

*6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*

*7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.*

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

**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.**

### **First Lesson, Acts 13:1-12 -**

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, ‘You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.’ Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

### **The Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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**

## **Second Reading, John 9:1-7**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

Here ends the Lesson

## **Homily**

## **Musical Meditation**

*How beautiful are the feet - Handel*

**The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*  
Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
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.

**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.**

## **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 power of 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**

Officiant     The Lord be with you.  
People        And also with you.  
Officiant     Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

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  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and 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 to your Church and to 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 remember those who have entrusted themselves to our prayers. We pray  
especially for **Gryffn** (Agentati), **Carrie** (Belshe), **Frank** (Boland), **Betty** (Carr), **Sydney**  
(Charski) **Ellis** (Clark), **Erin** (Ennis), **Phyllis** (Fuhre), **Jan** (Hansen), **Steve** (Hansen), **Gary**  
(Harber), **Allison** (Herf), **Kali** (Higgins), **Claire** (Hughlett), **Carol** (Huntress), **Jan**, **Fran**  
(Langley), **Wilmer** (Lower), **Pepper** (Markovich), **McLennan** (Maxwell), **Chris** (Maxwell),  
**Marti** (Maxwell), **Lorraine** (Meushaw), **Ralph** (Millar), **Peter** (Mohr), **Matt** (Owens),  
**Anthony** (Paduano), **Dave** (Patton), **Jeremy** (Pellar), **Norma** (Radke), **Janis** (Ramsey),  
**Ruohua**, **Bill** (Rush), **Brayden** (Schindler), **Tom** (Sesterhenn), **Rod** (Stedelin), **Cathy**  
(Symonds), **Dean** (Vidal), **Paul** (Walker), **Brittany** (Webster), **Jim** (Wessman), **Nicholas**  
(Wessman), **Bob** (Withers), **Peggy** (Withers), **Margaret** (Wood), **Kathy** (Youngren), **Peter**  
(Youngren), **Vanessa** (Ortiz Zapata), **Zhaoping**.

Be present to them and surround them with your loving care.  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That the memory of those we love and see no more may be a blessing. We pray especially  
for **Gloria** (Turner) and **Gerd** (Zimmerman).  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

## **The Collects**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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.*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: 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.*

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

## **Musical Mediation**

*Light of a Clear Blue Morning - Parton*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Peace**