

St. James Episcopal Church
 Westernport, MD
Daily Evening Prayer: Rite One

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 # 42,

Now the Day is Over

- 1 Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh,
 Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.*
- 2 Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose;
 With Thy tend'rest blessing May our eyelids close.*
- 3 Grant to little children Visions bright of Thee;
 Guard the sailors tossing On the deep blue sea.*
- 4 Comfort ev'ry suff'rer Watching late in pain;
 Those who plan some evil From their sin restrain.*
- 5 Through the long night watches may thine angels spread
 their white wings above me, watching round my bed.*
- 6 When the morning wakens, Then may I arise
 Pure, and fresh, and sinless In Thy holy eyes.*

Opening Sentences

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let
 the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and
 from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin*The Officiant says to the people*

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

Officiant and People kneel together

***Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy 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.***

***But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.***

Absolution

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People ***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.***

Except in Lent, Alleluia may be added.

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 thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 Thou art 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.*

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

- 1 ***Hallelujah!***
 *Sing to the Lord a new song; **
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 ***Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; ****
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 ***Let them praise his Name in the dance; ****
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 ***For the Lord takes pleasure in his people ****
 and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 ***Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; ****
 let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 ***Let the praises of God be in their throat ****
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 ***To wreak vengeance on the nations ****
 and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 ***To bind their kings in chains ****
 and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 ***To inflict on them the judgment decreed; ****
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
 Hallelujah!

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.***

Please be seated

The First Lesson

The Epistle

Romans [13:8-14]

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

All stand

The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32

***Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;***

***For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,***

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, **
and to be the glory of thy 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.

Be seated

The Second Lesson A Reading from the Gospel of **Matthew**
[18:15-20]

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Please stand

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Surely, it is God who saves me; **
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, **
and he will be my Savior.
*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing **
from the springs of salvation.
*And on that day you shall say, **
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
*Make his deeds known among the peoples; **
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 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 People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Officiant Let us pray.

*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.*

The Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*
 V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
 V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth*
 V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day: *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.*

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all 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 thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Collects for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

And

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.*

*We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

The Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship

of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

Homily/Reflection

Collects

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, *who hast* taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of *thy* Spirit lift us, we pray *thee*, to *thy* presence, where we may be still and know that *thou*^[SEP]art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Blessing *by Officiant*

The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 # 24

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended

*1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to Thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall hallow now our rest.*

2 *We thank Thee that thy church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.*

3 *As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of pray'r is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

4 *The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

5 *So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
but stand and rule and grow forever,
'til all your creatures own thy sway.*

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the LORD.

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

Clergy

**The Rev. Garrett H. Carskadon, rector
The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr., priest**

Organist

The Rev. Tom Hudson