



EVENING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY after the SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 20, 2026

6:30 P.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

EVENING PRAYER: RITE II

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Year Two

Opening Sentence of Scripture

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
– 1 Corinthians 15:57

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God. – Colossians 3:1

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into
heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. – Hebrews 9:24

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

– Acts 1:8

The Invitatory

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

**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.**

Christ our Passover • *Pascha nostrum: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

The Psalter

Psalm 119:121-128 Ayin • *Feci iudicium*

- 121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.**
- 123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation *
and for your righteous promise.
- 124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness *
and teach me your statutes.**
- 125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, *
that I may know your decrees.
- 126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.**
- 127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.
- 128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; *
all paths of falsehood I abhor.**

Psalm 119:129-136 Pe • *Mirabilia*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.**

Psalm 119:137-144 Sadhe • *Justus es, Domine*

137 You are righteous, O LORD, *
and upright are your judgments.

**138 You have issued your decrees *
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.**

139 My indignation has consumed me, *
because my enemies forget your words.

**140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, *
and your servant holds it dear.**

141 I am small and of little account, *
yet I do not forget your commandments.

**142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.**

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, *
yet your commandments are my delight.

**144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; *
grant me understanding, that I may live.**

**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.**

Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Canticle

The Song of Mary • *Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55*

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.

Reading

Matthew 8:28-34

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

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People Thanks be to God.

Canticle

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.

Reflection

Silence may be kept.

The Apostles' Creed

People 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The Suffrages

Set A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Presider O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Choose one or more of the following Collects.

A Collect for Peace

Presider Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

Presider 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.

A Collect for Protection

Presider O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for the Presence of Christ

Presider 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 you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

People 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.

Prayers of the People

Presider To Christ who is lifted up. Life giver, bringer of hope, lift us up and bring us close.
Risen Christ,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider In the mystery of resurrection, the darkness of the tomb, you find us. Bring us out into the light. Strengthen and renew your global church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. David's, Friday Harbor;
and Grace, Lopez Island.

Risen Christ,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We ask you to embolden those who lead. Guided by love, may they put first the needs of those who are so often last.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Shine your hope on all who seek wholeness. We pray for all who are sick and suffering loss. We pray for those who are desperate to have their basic needs met of food, shelter, and healthcare. We pray for all who are in need of compassion. We pray for the earth that is our home and our responsibility. May we see the needs around us and be equipped to respond.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider You listen to our prayers as a parent listens to the cries of her children. We offer the intercessions of our community, especially _____, fill us with your light as we offer you our prayers silently or aloud. _____ .
Silence may be kept.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We offer our thanksgivings as a sunrise of praise. We are grateful for all things great and small, especially _____. Join our light with yours as we offer these thanksgivings silently or aloud _____.
Silence may be kept.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We pray for our loved ones who have died. Remember those whose light will always burn brightly within our hearts, especially _____. Take our hands in yours as we offer you our prayers either silently or aloud _____.
Silence may be kept.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider In resurrection joy we give you thanks for the new life you breathe into us and our world. Connect us to one another and to your church throughout time and space. Teach us how to join with you in making all things new. In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ.
People **Amen.**

One or both of the following may be used.

A General Thanksgiving

People **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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

People **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.**

The Blessing

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** – 2 Corinthians 13:14