



# EVENING PRAYER

**SEASON after PENTECOST: Proper 6**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:30 P.M.



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

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*Year Two*

## Opening Sentence of Scripture

*Presider* If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"  
darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to  
you are both alike. – Psalm 139:10-11

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

## Confession

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
Amen.

## 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.**

## 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 Psalter

Psalm 81 • *Exultate Deo*

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 **Raise a song and sound the timbrel, \*  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon \*  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- 4 **For this is a statute for Israel, \*  
a law to the God of Jacob.**
- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, \*  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 **I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, \*  
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;  
his hands were set free from bearing the load."**
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; \*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 **Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: \*  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; \*  
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 **I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.**
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 **I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 **But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
  - 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?"**
  - 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
  - 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
  - 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
  - 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
  - 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."
  - 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**
- 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

### Numbers 11:24–35

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Then a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quails from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, about two cubits deep on the ground. So the people worked all that day and night and all the next day, gathering the quails; the least anyone gathered was ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth.

*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 18:1-9

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire.

*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*

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

### Proper 6

*Presider* Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

### Form IV

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.  
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Swithin's, Forks; St. John's, Gig Harbor; and St. Andrew's, Port Angeles.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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

*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*