

**Deacon's Retreat and Day with Bishop Kym**  
**Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two**

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*

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 of Sin:

*Officiant:*

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.

Silence

**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.**

*Officiant:* 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 and Psalter

*Officiant:* 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 forever. 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.

Psalm 42 *Quemadmodum*

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

- 7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the  
peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

#### The Lesson: Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Reflection – Rev. Teri Shecter

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.**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

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 forever. Amen

Suffrage B

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 be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

***We entreat you, O Lord.***

A Collect for Peace

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings: offered either silently or aloud

The General Thanksgiving

**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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.**