

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Evening Prayer: Rite Two



3rd Wednesday in Advent

December 15, 2021 | 6:00pm Online Worship

The Reverend Daniel Leatherman, Vicar

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

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*

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 together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE S 58 Preces

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 Spi - rit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:

Al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATORY HYMN S59 O Gracious Light (Plainsong/Ford/McGregor) (BCP p. 118)

1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright - ness of the ev - er - liv - ing
Fa - ther in hea - ven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed!

2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the sun, and our
eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your prais - es, O God:
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times
to be praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er
of life, and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

PSALMS 49 *Audite haec, omnes*

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- ² My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- ³ I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- ⁴ Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- ⁵ The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- ⁶ We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- ⁷ For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- ⁸ In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- ⁹ For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹⁰ Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- ¹¹ Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.
- ¹² Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in their own words.
- ¹³ Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;
Death is their shepherd; *
they go down straightway to the grave.
- ¹⁴ Their form shall waste away, *
and the land of the dead shall be their home.
- ¹⁵ But God will ransom my life; *
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.
- ¹⁶ Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
- ¹⁷ For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- ¹⁸ Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, *

and were praised for their success,

¹⁹ They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.

²⁰ Those who are honored, but have no understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

At the end of the Psalm 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.

The people sit.

The Lessons

Zechariah 3:1-10

¹Then he showed me the high priest Joshua standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.²And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man a brand plucked from the fire?”³Now Joshua was dressed with filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.⁴The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” And to him he said, “See, I have taken your guilt away from you, and I will clothe you with festal apparel.”⁵And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with the apparel; and the angel of the Lord was standing by.⁶Then the angel of the Lord assured Joshua, saying⁷“Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.

⁸Now listen, Joshua, high priest, you and your colleagues who sit before you! For they are an omen of things to come: I am going to bring my servant the Branch.⁹For on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven facets, I will engrave its inscription, says the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the guilt of this land in a single day.¹⁰On that day, says the Lord of hosts, you shall invite each other to come under your vine and fig tree.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

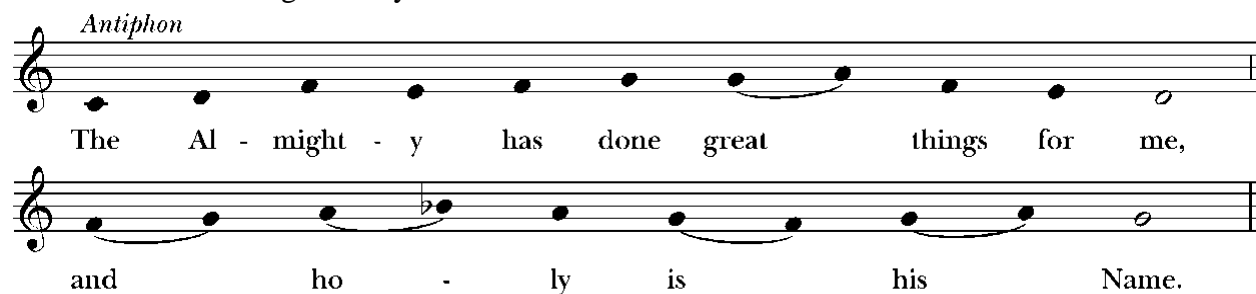
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

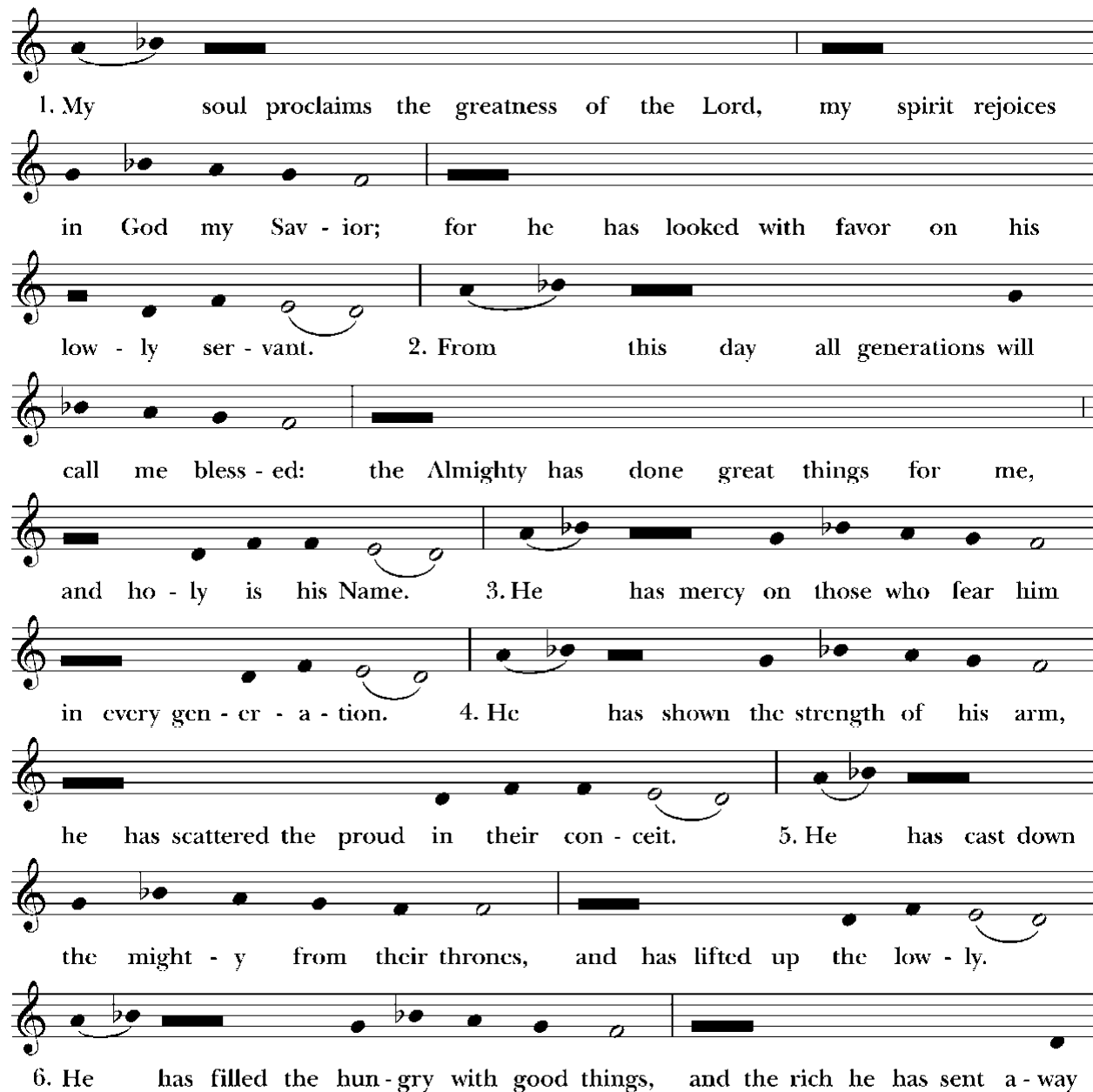
FIRST CANTICLE S 242 *The Song of Mary (Canticle 15) (Plainsong/Ford) (BCP p. 119)*

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

Antiphon



The Al - might - y has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name.



1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices
in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his
low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will
call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him
in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down
the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.
6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way

emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
 for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy, 8. The promise he
 made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er. [Ant.]
(Gloria Patri may be omitted)
 9. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
 10. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

SECOND READING: Matthew 24:45-51

⁴⁵“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?⁴⁶Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.⁴⁷Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.⁴⁸But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’⁴⁹and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards,⁵⁰the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know.⁵¹He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 119)

Antiphon

These eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,
 whom you have pre - pared for all the world to see.
 1. Lord, you now have set your scr - vant free to go in peace as you
 have prom - ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
 3. A Light to enlight - en the na - tions, and the glory of your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.] 4. Glo - ry to the Father, and
 to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 5. As it
 was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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 LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 121)

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 121)

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.

Collect of the Day: The Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Mission

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.

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Samoa

Other prayers and intercessions may follow:

Birthdays, Mark, Francis

Anniversaries, Recovery from sickness, Travelers, Those in trouble or bereavement, the departed, or other needs.

A Collect for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For Those Who Need Continuing Care

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith

and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and 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

Officiant and 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.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

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*

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