

DAILY
EVENING PRAYER



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WELCOME TO ST TIMOTHY'S

Please ask the greeter if you have any questions or need assistance of any kind.

ANGLICAN DEVOTION & CEREMONIAL

In the Anglican Tradition, *outward acts of devotion* are left to each individual's conscience and comfort level and are not required of anyone. Yet the following customs have been practiced by Christians since earliest times, reflecting the understanding that the whole person, including the body, is involved in worship:

Standing- during prayer and at other times to express respect and honour.

Kneeling- during confession and at other times to express humility and submission.

Bowing- to the altar and to the cross, not to worship them but to express reverence for the instruments of salvation and grace; when the Holy Name of JESUS or the Holy Trinity is mentioned; and at other times indicated in the liturgy.

The Sign of the Cross- as an expression of the reality that we are in right relationship with the Holy Trinity because of Christ's work on the Cross. It is made by touching the forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder with the right hand. The symbol + indicates when it is customary to make the sign of the cross during the liturgy (but it is not required!).

We make use of an *ancient liturgy (order of service)*, *vestments*, *candles*, *bells*, *chant*, and occasionally *incense* to outwardly express that our worship on earth is a participation in the eternal worship of Heaven, where incense-bearing angels, elders in white robes, and innumerable worshippers from every tribe and tongue fall down in adoration before the Holy One upon the throne (Revelation 5).

The *Reconciliation of Penitents (private confession)* is available by appointment. Please speak to a priest.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN (see leaflet for hymn no.)

The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 54-56), is customary.

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “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

or this

LORD, I have loved the habitation of your house and the place where your honor dwells.

PSALM 26:8

or this

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

PSALM 141:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give

thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires

of our own hearts.

We have offended against your 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;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

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.

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make + speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant [*bow*] Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; [*arise*]

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said.

PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome Light

**O gladsome 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.**

Then follows

THE PSALM(S) APPOINTED (see leaflet)

At the end of the psalms the Gloria Patri is sung or said

[*bow*] Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit* [*arise*]
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After the lesson the Reader may say

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

The Magnificat is sung by the choir or said by all.

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of Mary*

+ MY soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath
rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me
blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his
Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all
generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; / he hath scattered
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, / and hath
exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; / and the rich

he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant
Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his
seed for ever.

[bow] GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to
the Holy Ghost; *[arise]*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the choir or said by all.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

+ 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.

[bow] GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to
the Holy Ghost; *[arise]*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:68-79

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing sing or say

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and 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 them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Cantor O Lord, save the King;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (see leaflet)

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our 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 you, O Lord; and by 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.**

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

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

wearily, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

or this

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS
(PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)

HYMN (see leaflet)

CHOIR ANTHEM (see leaflet)

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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN (see leaflet)

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us + bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

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^r

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ROMANS 15:13^r

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EPHESIANS 3:20-21^r

POSTLUDE