

Evening Prayer

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Friday after the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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.**

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>People</i>	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

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.

Psalms 73

BCP p. 687

- ¹ Truly, God is good to Israel, *
to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; *
I had almost tripped and fallen;
- ³ Because I envied the proud *
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:
- ⁴ For they suffer no pain, *
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

⁵ In the misfortunes of others they have no share; *
they are not afflicted as others are;
⁶ Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace *
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.
⁷ Their iniquity comes from gross minds, *
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
⁸ They scoff and speak maliciously; *
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.
⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, *
and their evil speech runs through the world.
¹⁰ And so the people turn to them *
and find in them no fault.
¹¹ They say, "How should God know? *
is there knowledge in the Most High?"
¹² So then, these are the wicked; *
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
¹³ In vain have I kept my heart clean, *
and washed my hands in innocence.
¹⁴ I have been afflicted all day long, *
and punished every morning.
¹⁵ Had I gone on speaking this way, *
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
¹⁶ When I tried to understand these things, *
it was too hard for me;
¹⁷ Until I entered the sanctuary of God *
and discerned the end of the wicked.
¹⁸ Surely, you set them in slippery places; *
you cast them down in ruin.
¹⁹ Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, *
come to an end, and perish from terror!
²⁰ Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, *
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
²¹ When my mind became embittered, *
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
²² I was stupid and had no understanding; *
I was like a brute beast in your presence.

²³ Yet I am always with you; *
you hold me by my right hand.
²⁴ You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.
²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? *
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
²⁶ Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, *
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
²⁷ Truly, those who forsake you will perish; *
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
²⁸ But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.
²⁹ I will speak of all your works *
in the gates of the city of Zion.
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 Lessons

The First Lesson

Ecclus. 50:1,11-24

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

The leader of his brothers and the pride of his people
was the high priest, Simon son of Onias,
who in his life repaired the house,
and in his time fortified the temple.
When he put on his glorious robe
and clothed himself in perfect splendour,
when he went up to the holy altar,
he made the court of the sanctuary glorious.

When he received the portions from the hands of the priests,
as he stood by the hearth of the altar
with a garland of brothers around him,
he was like a young cedar on Lebanon
surrounded by the trunks of palm trees.

All the sons of Aaron in their splendour
held the Lord's offering in their hands
before the whole congregation of Israel.
Finishing the service at the altars,
and arranging the offering to the Most High, the Almighty,
he held out his hand for the cup
and poured a drink-offering of the blood of the grape;
he poured it out at the foot of the altar,
a pleasing odour to the Most High, the king of all.
Then the sons of Aaron shouted;
they blew their trumpets of hammered metal;
they sounded a mighty fanfare
as a reminder before the Most High.
Then all the people together quickly
fell to the ground on their faces
to worship their Lord,
the Almighty, God Most High.

Then the singers praised him with their voices
in sweet and full-toned melody.
And the people of the Lord Most High offered
their prayers before the Merciful One,
until the order of worship of the Lord was ended,
and they completed his ritual.
Then Simon came down and raised his hands
over the whole congregation of Israelites,
to pronounce the blessing of the Lord with his lips,
and to glory in his name;
and they bowed down in worship a second time,
to receive the blessing from the Most High.

And now bless the God of all,
who everywhere works great wonders,
who fosters our growth from birth,
and deals with us according to his mercy.
May he give us gladness of heart,

and may there be peace in our days
in Israel, as in the days of old.
May he entrust to us his mercy,
and may he deliver us in our days!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

G. A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 15:1-8

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the

Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed."

After this I looked, and the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, robed in pure bright linen, with golden sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever; and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

17. The Song of Simeon *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.

The Apostles' Creed **BCP p. 96**

**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

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.**

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**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 [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another
and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful
people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run
without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon your church in every land, that like your servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel to all nations, that your kingdom might be enlarged and that your holy Name might be glorified in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Fridays

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A 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 and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of mortal sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we implore you, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; bring success to the measures used for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

7. For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

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.**

Then may be said

**Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

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

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We know about Willibrord's life and missionary labors through a notice in Bede's Ecclesiastical History and a biography by his younger kinsman, Alcuin. He was born in Northumbria around 658, and, from the age of seven, was brought up and educated at Bishop Wilfrid's monastery in Ripon. For twelve years, from 678 to 690, he studied in

Ireland, where he acquired his thirst for missionary work.

In 690, with twelve companions, he set out for Frisia, a pagan area that was increasingly coming under the domination of the Christian Franks. There, Bishop Wilfrid and a few other Englishmen had made short missionary visits, but with little success. With the aid of the Frankish rulers, Willibrord established his base at Utrecht, and in 695 Pope Sergius ordained him as a bishop and gave him the name of Clement.

In 698, he founded the monastery of Echternach, near Trier. His work was frequently disturbed by the conflict of the pagan Frisians with the Franks, and for a time he left the area to work among the Danes. For three years, from 719 to 722, he was assisted by Boniface, who at a later time came back to Frisia to strengthen the mission. In a very real sense, Willibrord prepared the way for Boniface's more successful achievements by his relations with the Frankish rulers and the papacy, who thus became joint sponsors of missionary work. He died at Echternach, November 7, 739.