

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Celebrating Saint Fabian, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

6:00 pm



"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work
of his hands."

~ *Psalm 19:1*

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The Officiant begins

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The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People *The maker of heaven and earth.*

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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The Officiant then says

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 Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Psalm 126

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Officiant and People

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

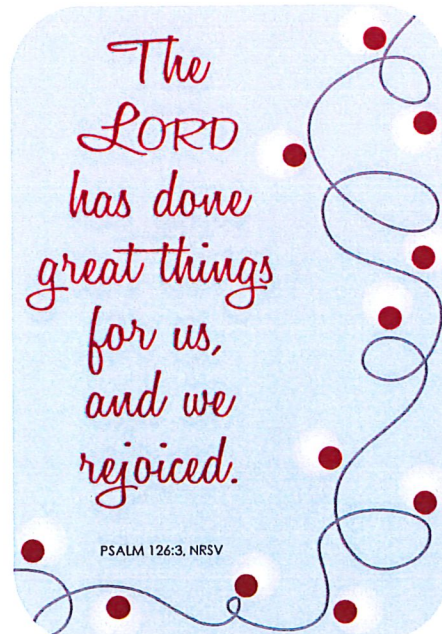
The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*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.*



A Reading from 2 Esdras 2:42-48

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. Then I asked an angel, "Who are these, my lord?" He answered and said to me, "These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms." Then I said to the angel, "Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?" He answered and said to me, "He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world." So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, "Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen."

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



A Reflection

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Hymn: Who Are These Like Stars Appearing (vs.1-3)

(Hymn #286)



1. Who are these like stars ap - pear - ing, these, be - fore God's throne who stand?
2. Who are these of daz - zling bright - ness, these in God's own truth ar - rayed,
3. These are they who have con - tend - ed for their Sa - vior's hon - or long,



1. Each a gold - en crown is wear - ing; who are all this glo - rious band?
2. clad in robes of pur - est white - ness, robes whose lus - ter ne'er shall fade,
3. wres - tling on till life was end - ed, fol - lowing not the sin - ful throng;



1. Al - le - lu - ia! hark, they sing, prais - ing loud their heaven - ly King.
2. ne'er be touched by time's rude hand? Whence comes all this glo - rious band?
3. these, who well the fight sus - tained, tri - umph by the Lamb have gained.

The Officiant continues

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V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. *For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. *Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



*Praise him,
all his angels;
praise him,
all his
heavenly hosts.*

PSALM 148:2, NIV

The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

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 those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;

People: *And let our cry come to you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day: Fabian

The Officiant says

Grant, Almighty God, that in all times of trial and persecution, we might remain steadfast in faith and endurance, according to the example of your servant Fabian, who was faithful even unto death. We ask this for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect of a Saint

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The Officiant says

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect For Vocation in Daily Work

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The Officiant says

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.

All

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Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*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.*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

