

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Celebrating Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:00 pm



"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer."

~ Psalm 19, vs 14

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The Officiant begins

(BCP Page 127)

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.*

(BCP Page 128)

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.*

Psalm 119:97-104

(BCP Pages 771-772))

Officiant and People

Oh, how I love your law!

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,

and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders,

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments,

because you yourself have taught me.

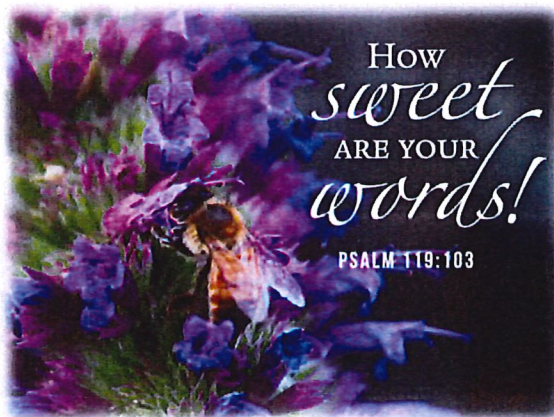
How sweet are your words to my taste!

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding;

therefore I hate every lying way.

*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 Wisdom 7:24-8:1

For wisdom is more mobile than any motion;
because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things.
For she is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty;
therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her.

For she is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

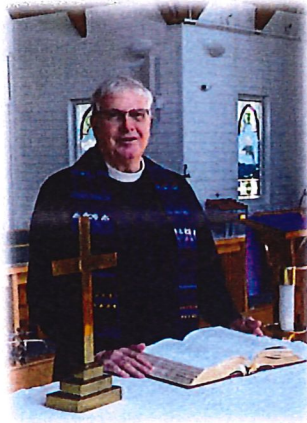
She is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*





Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

(Hymn #362)

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, continuing the melody from the first line.

1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 2. cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 3. though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 4. All thy work shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, continuing the melody.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 2. cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 3. on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, concluding the piece with a double bar line.

1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 2. which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 3. per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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.

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: Gregory Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian

The Officiant says

Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect For the Third Sunday in Lent

(BCP Page 218)

The Officiant says

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Self Dedication

(BCP Pages 832-833)

The Officiant says

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to *thee*, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly *thine*, utterly dedicated *unto thee*; and then use us, we pray *thee*, as *thou wilt*, and always to *thy* glory and the welfare of *thy* people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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

A Collect For the Answering of Prayer

(BCP Page 834)

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All

(BCP Page 134)

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.*



Lent

A decorative purple flourish is located below the word 'Lent'. It features a large, stylized letter 'L' that curves into a wave-like shape. Two nails are depicted as if driving into the purple shape, with their heads pointing upwards and their shafts extending downwards.