

# Vespers for Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter

## Opening Sentence

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

V: O God, make speed to save us.

R: 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** *Phos hilaron*

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.

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

**Psalm 2** *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

*I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession, hallelujah.*

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup> Let us break their yoke, they say; \*

let us cast off their bonds from us.

<sup>4</sup> He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> I myself have set my king \*

.upon my holy hill of Zion

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*

he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup> Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

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.

*I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession, hallelujah.*

#### **Psalm 49** *Audite haec, omnes*

*May you have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, hallelujah.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>5</sup> The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

<sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

<sup>7</sup> For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup> In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

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.

*May you have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, hallelujah.*

## Psalm 49 (cont.)

*From the grasp of death, God has ransomed my life, hallelujah.*

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

<sup>12</sup> Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

<sup>13</sup> Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.

<sup>14</sup> Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

<sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

<sup>17</sup> For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.

<sup>18</sup> Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,

<sup>19</sup> They shall join the company of their forebears, \*  
who will never see the light again.

<sup>20</sup> Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  
are like the beasts that perish.

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.

*From the grasp of death, God has ransomed my life, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

A reading from John 14:8-17 (NRSV)

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Here ends the Reading.

*God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, hallelujah.*

## **The Song of Mary Magnificat**

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

*God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, hallelujah.*

## **The Prayers**

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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.

## **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

*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.*

[\[Include authorized intercessions or thanksgivings--opens new window\]](#)

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

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*

## Regina Caeli

V: O Queen of heaven, be joyful : *Alleluia*

R: For he who was born of your body : *Alleluia*

V: Has arisen as he promised : *Alleluia*

R: Pray for us to the Father : *Alleluia*

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R: *For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

Let us pray:

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave gladness to the world: Grant, we pray, that we, aided by the prayers of the Virgin Mary his mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*