

**Evening Prayer**  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 02, 2020  
St. James Episcopal Church  
Alexandria, Louisiana

*These are a few pointers that might be of help if you are not familiar with Evening Prayer. This long-standing prayer service is found in the Book of Common Prayer. You can find a free electronic version at <https://bcponline.org/>*

We begin on **page 115 with this Opening Sentence:** Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

We confess our sins, using the words found on **page 116**.

We move to the on the **Invitatory and Psalter - on page 117**.

We pray in unison the *Phos hilaron* - on page 118.

Dave Curry will lead us in **praying Psalm 34, responsively by whole verse**.

Dave reads from **Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (9. 6-15)**.

We pray in unison the **Nunc dimittis - on page 120**.

Fr. Tim reads the Gospel (**Mark 3.20-30**).

A sermon is offered from Fr. Tim.

We affirm our faith in the words of **The Apostles' Creed - on page 120**.

We pray the **Lord's Prayer** in unison- on page 121.

Dave leads us as we **pray Suffrages A responsively - on pages 121-122**.

Fr. Tim prays the **Collect for Sundays - on page 123**.

Dave prays the **Collect for protection - page 124**.

Fr. Tim prays for the **Mission of the Church - on page 124**.

Dave invites our prayers and thanksgivings - **page 125**.

We pray **The General Thanksgiving** in unison - **page 125**.

We pray **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** in unison - **page 126**.

Fr. Tim then ends the service with a blessing.

We will share in a brief, virtual "Narthex time" to greet one another following the service, when you can say hello to fellow parishioners.

**34** *Benedicam Dominum* (prayed responsively by whole verse)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

**4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!**

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

**14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.**

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

**16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

**20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust 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.**

#### **A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**

**(9.6-15)**

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

#### **A reading from the Gospel of Mark**

**(3.20-30)**

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'