

Evening Prayer
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 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 invite you to have a Bible at your side and marked for the various lessons.

Fr. Tim leads us as we begin on **page 116 with this Opening Sentence:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

We confess our sins - **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.**

Fred Alexius will lead us in **praying Psalm 145, responsively by whole verse.**

Fred reads from the **prophet Zechariah (9. 9-16).**

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

Fred reads from **the Gospel of Matthew (21.1-13).**

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.**

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

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

Fred prays the **Collect for the Presence of Christ - on page 124.**

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

Fred invites our prayers and thanksgivings - **on page 125.**

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

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

Fr. Tim then ends the service with the dismissal.

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

People pray/respond in bold.

145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

**10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

**12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

**16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.**

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

At the end of the Psalms is said:

**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 the prophet Zechariah

(9.9-16)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He* will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.

I will arouse your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them,
and his arrow go forth like lightning;
the Lord God will sound the trumpet
and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

¹⁵ The LORD of hosts will protect them,
and they shall devour and tread down the slingers;*
they shall drink their blood* like wine,
and be full like a bowl,
drenched like the corners of the altar.

¹⁶ On that day the LORD their God will save them,
for they are the flock of his people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

(21. 1-13)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'

¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, 'It is written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer";
but you are making it a den of robbers.'

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