



# EVENING PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY after the FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

May 6, 2026

6:30 P.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church  
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

# EVENING PRAYER: RITE II

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Year Two

## Opening Sentence of Scripture

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
– 1 Corinthians 15:57

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God. – Colossians 3:1

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into  
heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. – Hebrews 9:24

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my  
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

– Acts 1:8

## The Invitatory

*Presider* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* **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.**

**Christ our Passover** • *Pascha nostrum: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

## The Psalter

### Psalm 119:73-80 Yodh • *Manus tuæ fecerunt me*

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me, \*  
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, \*  
because I trusted in your word.**
- 75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right \*  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*  
as you have promised to your servant.**
- 77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, \*  
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; \*  
but I will meditate on your commandments.**
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, \*  
and also those who know your decrees.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*  
that I may not be put to shame.**

### Psalm 119:81-88 Kaph *Defecit in salutare*

- 81 My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  
I have put my hope in your word.
- 82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**
- 83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.
- 84 How much longer must I wait? \*  
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?**
- 85 The proud have dug pits for me; \*  
they do not keep your law.
- 86 All your commandments are true; \*  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.**
- 87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.
- 88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

### Psalm 119:89-96 Lamedh *In æternum, Domine*

- 89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.
- 90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.**
- 91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.
- 92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.**

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

94 **I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \***  
**for I study your commandments.**

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 **I see that all things come to an end, \***  
**but your commandment has no bounds.**

**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.**

## **Reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle**

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.

## **Reading**

Matthew 6:19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle**

The Song of Simeon • *Nunc dimittis: Luke 2:29-32*

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.

## **Reflection**

*Silence may be kept.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Suffrages

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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before  
the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of Saint John  
the Baptist and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

## The Collect of the Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Presider* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choose one or more of the following Collects.

### **A Collect for Peace**

*Presider* Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, 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.**

### **A Collect for Aid Against Perils**

*Presider* Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Protection**

*Presider* O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the Presence of Christ**

*Presider* Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for Mission**

*People* **Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* To Christ who is lifted up. Life giver, bringer of hope, lift us up and bring us close.  
Risen Christ,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* In the mystery of resurrection, the darkness of the tomb, you find us. Bring us out into the light. Strengthen and renew your global church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of North India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Anacortes;  
and St. Paul's, Bellingham.

Risen Christ,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* We ask you to embolden those who lead. Guided by love, may they put first the needs of those who are so often last.

Risen Christ,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Shine your hope on all who seek wholeness. We pray for all who are sick and suffering loss. We pray for those who are desperate to have their basic needs met of food, shelter, and healthcare. We pray for all who are in need of compassion. We pray for the earth that is our home and our responsibility. May we see the needs around us and be equipped to respond.  
Risen Christ,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* You listen to our prayers as a parent listens to the cries of her children. We offer the intercessions of our community, especially \_\_\_\_\_, fill us with your light as we offer you our prayers silently or aloud. \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Risen Christ,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* We offer our thanksgivings as a sunrise of praise. We are grateful for all things great and small, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Join our light with yours as we offer these thanksgivings silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Risen Christ,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* We pray for our loved ones who have died. Remember those whose light will always burn brightly within our hearts, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Take our hands in yours as we offer you our prayers either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Risen Christ,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* In resurrection joy we give you thanks for the new life you breathe into us and our world. Connect us to one another and to your church throughout time and space. Teach us how to join with you in making all things new. In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

*One or both of the following may be used.*

## **A General Thanksgiving**

*People* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*People* **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.**

## **The Blessing**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

– 2 Corinthians 13:14