

Evening Prayer: Rite Two FOR ORDINARY TIME 2023

(Seasons after the Epiphany and Pentecost)

Daily Prayer for All Seasons pp. 43, 46

Officiant Your word is a lamp to our feet

People **and a light for our path.**

Officiant O God, your Spirit of Wisdom was present at the creation and with Jesus at his baptism: Open our hearts to that same Spirit, and strengthen and guide us to love and serve you and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN DPAS p. 54

Officiant Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully,

People **but so often we get lost or turn away.**

Officiant We try to love our neighbors and ourselves,

People **and even, by your grace, to love our enemies, but we fail.**

Officiant We take the wrong path and stray from the way of your love.

People **Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We turn to you, God of Love, / and we accept your grace. / We accept your pardon. / We accept the gift of a new path, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER BCP p. 117

Officiant 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.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron* BCP p. 118

**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.**

PSALM (see insert or slides)

FIRST READING (see insert or slides)

One of the following Canticles is read.

CANTICLE K: A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10 Enriching our Worship 1 p. 36
Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

**for you have blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.**

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *

according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, * **that you have
freely given us in the Beloved.**

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, *
the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace *

which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *

as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, *

things in heaven and things on earth.

**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.**

Canticle N: A Song of God's Love

1 John 4:7-11 EOW pp. 37-38

Beloved, let us love one another, *

for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *

for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

**that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us * **and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *

we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *

and God's love will be perfected in 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.**

SECOND READING (see insert or slides)

SAINT(S) OF THE DAY *(see insert or slides)*

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

SUFFRAGES A

BCP pp. 121-122

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 by your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *and one or more Collects*

A Collect for Evening BCP p. 161

Gracious God, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance BCP p. 832

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or a prayer for mission from BCP p. 124

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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS p. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

DPAS p. 45

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your light open our eyes to see those in need.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May the works of our lives demonstrate your love.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your wisdom enlighten our decisions.

As you enlighten our lives,

May we be light for others.

DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with one of the following

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*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Eph. 3:20, 21*