

A Service of Evening Prayer and Communion
Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church
Monday of Holy Week
April 14, 2025

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People ***O God, make haste to help us.***

All ***Glory to the one, holy, and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

Phos Hilaron

O gracious Light,

***Pure brightness of the everliving God 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:
Holy and Undivided Trinity.***

***You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Word of God, O Giver of Life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds.***

Psalm 36:5-11

Antiphon You strengthen me more and more; *
 You enfold and comfort me.

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
 you save both human and animal, O God.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
 your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
 you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
 and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
 and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
 nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

***Glory to the one, holy, and undivided Trinity:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

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First Reading

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (42:1-9).

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of Christ's Goodness

Anselm of Canterbury

*Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.*

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Gospel of John (12:1-11).

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Shared Reflection

Magnificat

Antiphon Mary of Bethany anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair, *
she was foreseeing the day of his burial.

*My soul proclaims your greatness, O God;
my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed; **

*you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.*

*You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.*

*You, O God, have shown strength with your arm, *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,*

*Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.*

*You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.*

*You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,*

*The promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham, Sara and their children forever.*

*Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

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she was foreseeing the day of his burial.*

The Prayers

Officiant *God be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Officiant *Let us pray.*

God in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

*Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Save from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O God;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

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

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

V. God, 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 God, 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.**

The Officiant invites additional prayers, silently or aloud.

The Collects

Officiant

Almighty God, whose Beloved One went not up to joy before suffering pain, and entered not into glory before being crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God our mother, you hold our life within you, nourish us at your breast, and teach us to walk alone. Help us so to receive your tenderness and respond to your challenge that others may draw life from us, in your name, **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O 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.**

Officiant Let us bless God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

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. *Ephesians 3:20, 21.*

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