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THE DAILY OFFICE

Intergenerational Cross Cultural Evening Prayer

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The poor you will have with you always.

We will feed, clothe, and shelter the poor.

More importantly, we will advocate and fight in solidarity for the liberation of all God's people, from all forms of poverty and oppression.

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk-in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest Alone Standing or Deacon kneeling (substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your.")

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

O God, creator and sustainer of all, as we come to the end of this evening with love and adoration, we lift our hearts to you.

Psalm 92: 1-10

It is good to praise the Lord,
to sing praises to God Most High.
It is good to tell of your love in the morning
and of your loyalty at night.
It is good to praise you with the ten-stringed lyre
and with the soft-sounding harp.

Lord, you have made me happy by what you have done.

I will sing for joy about what your hands have done.

Lord, you have done such great things!

How deep are your thoughts!

Stupid people don't know these things.

Fools don't understand.
Wicked people grow like the grass.
Evil people seem to do well.
But they will be destroyed forever.
But, Lord, you will be honored forever.

Lord, surely your enemies,
surely your enemies will be destroyed.
All who do evil will be scattered.
But you have made me as strong as a wild ox.
You have poured fine oils on me.

The Lessons

A reading from Genesis 1:1–2, 26–30

In the beginning God created the sky and the earth. The earth was empty and had no form. Darkness covered the ocean, and God's Spirit was moving over the water...

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth."

So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. God blessed them and said, "Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God said, "Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seeds. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you. I have given all the green plants to all the animals to eat. They will be food for every wild animal, every bird of the air and every small crawling animal." And it happened.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

We will reflect on the lesson in silent meditation as we listen to the Canticle:

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A Reading from Revelation 7: 9 –12

Then I looked, and there was a great number of people. There were so many people that no one could count them. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language of the earth. They were all standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and had palm branches in their hands. They were shouting in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." The elders and the four living things were there. All the angels were standing around them and the throne. The angels bowed down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. They were saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength belong to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

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The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

God who created humankind in your very image and likeness
Your steadfast love endures forever.
God from whose abundance and grace provides all that is truly needed
Your steadfast love endures forever.
God whose covenant is true and sure
Your steadfast love endures forever.

God of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah. God who takes those things that may be meant to harm and works them together for your good, we pray that as this evening comes to a close, you find our hearts fixed on you and our spirit inclined to your will. Grant us peace this night as we prepare to rest, that we may rise in the morning with the sun/Son, and be about your business.

Prayer and Intercessions

(Silent or aloud)

Loving, liberating, and life-giving God, by your grace you have brought us safely to the end of this day. As we gather together in your Name, we trust that your presence is with us, that you are for us, and from creation to the final consummation, your steadfast love will endure. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, guide us with your Wisdom, govern us with your Grace, and hold our lives eternally boundless in your love, for the Glory of your Holy Name. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

**Canticles may be altered according to congregational worship style, talent and gifts.*