

# **Evensong with Holy Communion (Rite I) at 5:00 p.m.**

*The Service begins on page 63 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

**Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!** Well, this is a little weird, lol. We're so glad you've joined us for online worship. Do your best to follow along with the liturgy wherever you are. Don't be self-conscious about responding to the prayers; your cat doesn't really care and your family should be following along anyway, right? We hope you enjoy this time of online worship as you can and look forward to joining us in-person when we can!

*Please stand when the ministers enter. The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

*Psalm 96:9*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Hymnal S-26

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

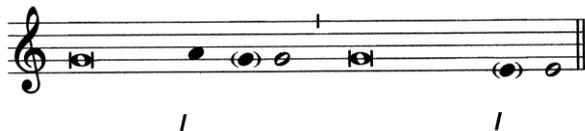
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

1. O gra - cious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in  
 hea - ven, O Jesus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2. Now as we come  
 to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the ves - per light,  
 we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.  
 3. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voic - es, O Son of God,  
 O Giv - er of Life, and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

Setting: Victor Judson Schramm (1944-1984)

*Then follows*

**PSALM 23** *DOMINUS REGIT ME*



- 1 The LORD is my /shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in /want.
  - 2 He makes me lie down in green/ pastures \*  
and leads me beside still wa/ters.
  - 3 He revives my/ soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's /sake.
  - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no /evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort /me.
  - 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who /trou(ble) me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running o/ver.
  - 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my /life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for e/ver.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy /Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A/men.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Lector:* A Lesson from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector:* Here endeth the Lesson.



## THE SECOND LESSON

John 9:1-41

*Lector:* A Lesson from the Gospel according to John.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered

them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Lector:* Here endeth the Lesson.

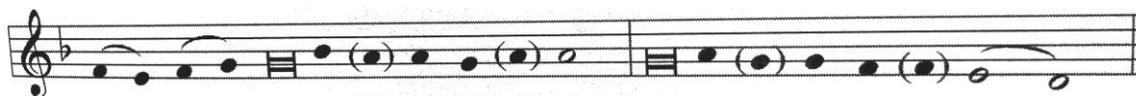
*All stand and sing*

**THE SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

Tone VII.1



**+Lord, now** lettest thou thy / servant de/part in peace, \*  
ac/cording / to thy **word**

**For mine** eyes have / seen thy sal/vation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the/ face of/ all **people;**

**To be** a light to/ lighten the / Gentiles, \*  
and to be the /glory of thy people / Israel.

**Glo-ry** to the / Father and /to the Son, and to the /Ho/ly Spirit;

**As it** was in the be/ginning, /is now, and will be for /ever. / **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The Officiant sings:*     The Lord be with you  
*All respond:*            **And with thy Spirit**  
*Officiant:*                Let us pray.

*All kneel as the Lord's Prayer is sung in monotone*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Officiant intones:*

**Our Father**

*All continue:*

**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

*Cantor or Officiant*



V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

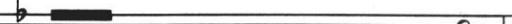
*People*



R. And grant us thy salva - tion.



V. Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. And make thy chosen people joy - ful.



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



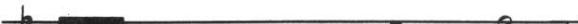
R. For only in thee can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



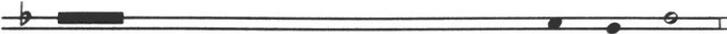
V. Let thy way be known up - on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na - tions.



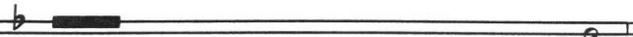
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi - rit.

*The Officiant then sings the following Collects*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O Lord, 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 thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

*All say the following Collect for Mission together*

**Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. Amen.**

*The Office concludes with the following prayers*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *said together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*The Officiant sings*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

