



5-4-14 Search Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church

Opening Prayer

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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 thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art 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.

Reflection

Our God, amidst the deplorable division of your Church, let us never widen its breaches, but give us universal charity to all who are called by your name. Deliver us from the sins and errors, the schisms and heresies of this age. Give us grace daily to pray for the peace of your Church, and earnestly to seek it and to excite all we can to praise and to love you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

A Manual of Anglo-Catholic Devotion

Psalm 15

1 Yahweh, who can find a home in your tent, who can dwell on your holy mountain?
2 Whoever lives blamelessly, who acts uprightly, who speaks the truth from the heart,
3 who keeps the tongue under control, who does not wrong a comrade, who casts no discredit on a neighbour,
4 who looks with scorn on the vile, but honours those who fear Yahweh, who stands by an oath at any cost,
5 who asks no interest on loans, who takes no bribe to harm the innocent. No one who so acts can ever be shaken.

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.

Part II—when our work is done

At the Close of Day

O God, come to my assistance.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

The following may be said together

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he
hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth * all
generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is
his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations. He
hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the
humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath
sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, * as he
promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

*Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the
blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

The Lord's Prayer, traditional

The Collect

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 thee as thou art revealed
in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*