



*All Saints Episcopal Church*  
*Vespers ~ Evening Prayer Rite I*  
*Thursday, July 18, 2024 6:30 pm*  
THE COMMEMORATION OF MACRINA OF CAESAREA

*Monastic and Teacher, 379*

*Officiant* Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up  
of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:2*

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

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

*Psalm 96:9*

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast  
established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the  
boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

*Psalm 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth  
me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

*Psalm 16:7,8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name.

*Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night" darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike.

*Psalm 139:10, 11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us sit in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*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 Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant and People*

**O Gracious Light**

*Phos hilaron*

**O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living 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 Ghost. 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.**

**Psalm 119:97-104**

*Quomodo dilexi!*

97 Oh, how I love your law! \*

all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*

and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*

for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, \*

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*

because you yourself have taught me.

**103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.**

**104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A Reading from the Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 51:13–22**

While I was still young, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

Before the temple I asked for her, and I will search for her until the end. From the first blossom to the ripening grape my heart delighted in her; my foot walked on the straight path; from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, and I found for myself much instruction. I made progress in her; to him who gives wisdom I will give glory. For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good, and I shall never be disappointed. My soul grappled with wisdom, and in my conduct I was strict; I spread out my hands to the heavens, and lamented my ignorance of her.

I directed my soul to her, and in purity I found her. With her I gained understanding from the first; therefore I will never be forsaken. My heart was stirred to seek her; therefore I have gained a prize possession. The Lord gave me my tongue as a reward, and I will praise him with it.

*Reader*      Here endeth the Lesson

### *The Song of Mary*

*Magnificat*

**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 forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*The Song of Simeon*

*Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark 3:20-34**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a

kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"

*Reader*      Here endeth the Lesson

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together,*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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 B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Ghost in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

**The Collect of the Day**

**Merciful God, who called your servant Macrina to reveal in her life and teaching the riches of your grace and truth: Grant that we, following her example, may seek after your wisdom and live according to the way of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**A Collect for those who live alone**

**Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### A Collect for Mission

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 may follow. - All Saints Prayer List

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

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 ourselves 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 Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, 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 Ghost. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

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

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**DISMISSAL**

*Officiant* Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**