



Trinity Church Rocky Hill
Tuesday Evening Prayer (40)
January 12, 2021 - 6:00 PM

**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 your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are 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.**

MEDITATION ON PSALM 61

¹Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. ²From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. ³For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. ⁴I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. ⁵For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. ⁶Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.

⁷May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him. ⁸Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

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, Amen

PRAYERS

Prayer For Our Country

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation, purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders, and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at last to that fair city of peace whose

foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our pastors, teachers, and all who are in the service of Christ, and all the clergy and laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, the president, all those in public service, and all our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this parish and city, for every city and country, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, sea and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace. **Amen.**

Prayer for God's Supremacy

O Father of that Son who has awakened us, you still urge us out of the sleep of our sins, and call us to become yours. To you, Lord, we pray, you, the supreme truth, for all truth that is, is from you. You we implore, O Lord, the highest wisdom, through you all who are wise derive their wisdom. You are the supreme joy, and from you all who are happy derive their pleasure. You are the highest good, and from you all beauty springs. You are the intellectual light, and from you we derive our understanding. To you, O God, we call and speak. Hear us, O Lord, for you are our God and our Lord, our Father and our creator, our ruler and our hope, our wealth and our honor, our home, our country, our salvation, and our life. Hear, hear us, O Lord. Few of your servants comprehend you, but at least we love you, yes, we love you above all other things. We seek you, we follow you, we are ready to serve you. We desire to remain under your power, for you are the Sovereign of all. Command us as you will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Nation

Father of heavenly lights we pray for our nation in the coming change of administration. May our new leaders guide us by your commandments and teach us not to put our trust in mortal men who cannot save, but to trust you alone for every good and perfect gift. Lord Jesus, you are the King of kings and Lord of lords, and you live and reign over all. Bless your church and move us to use the freedoms our nation grants us to make your Gospel known in our land. Spirit of life, stir our faith in your holy Word so that, even as we do what we can and as we seek to do your will, we trust your promise that you are our Refuge and Fortress, and that you alone can work all things for the good of your holy people. Gracious God, rule in our hearts alone—now and forever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for America's Future

Make us a great nation, yes. But more than that, make us good, Lord, with a heartbeat that wants every person of every creed and color to know Your love, Your goodness, and Your worth. Make us wise as serpents, but gentle as doves. Turn our fears to faith, as we look to You and You alone for the future of our country. Give us God-confidence that no matter what happens, we will believe You are not only in control, but that You know exactly what is needed to accomplish Your purpose. Help us not to second-guess Your moves, but to move at Your command, always without hesitation.

Forgive us for wanting our own way and making our own paths—often the ones paved with least resistance. Forgive us for fence-walking, or for ignoring completely the truths that can so easily set us free. Deliver us from mindless quarrels and destinations that lead us nowhere, but away from You. Free us from divisiveness, and melt our hardened hearts to love, not hate, and to heal, not debate. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR 3 FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

Alicia Morrison and family
Virginia Murray and family
Edgar Newton and family

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***