



Trinity Church Rocky Hill
Tuesday Evening Prayer
May 10, 2022

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Leader

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

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 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: Psalm 90

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. ³Thou turnest man back to the dust, and sayest, "Turn back, O children of men!" ⁴For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵Thou dost sweep men away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning: ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷For we are consumed by thy anger; by thy wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

⁹For all our days pass away under thy wrath, our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of thy anger, and thy wrath according to the fear of thee?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on thy servants! ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers: A Scripture Guided Prayer To Pray For Our Country

The kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations. (Psalm 22:28)

Give ear, O God, and hear; open Your eyes and see the desolation of [our country]. We do not make requests because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, O my God, do not delay. (Daniel 9:18-19)

Silence

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (Timothy 2:1-2)

Silence

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)

Silence

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away. (1 Samuel 12:24-25)

Silence

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! **Amen.** (Jude 24-25)

Silence

Prayer for an Awakening in America

Dear God, Thank you for your great power. We praise you for your Truth. We're grateful that you have set us free from the clutching grasp of sin and death. Would you be with your people, extending your grace, granting your freedom, providing your protection, and empowering with your strength. We ask that you'd bring about an awakening of your presence as never seen before. We ask that your Name be proclaimed, that all plans to silence the Name of Jesus would be thwarted and crushed. We pray that many would come to know you as Lord and Savior, we pray that many would see your Light, that you would open blind eyes and release those still imprisoned. **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. **Amen.**

Prayer for Justice and Healing

We may look different from each other, but we have one big thing in common - we're all your image-bearers Lord, which means we all have equal value, we all have purpose, and we are all part of your plan. Father, you know the injustice that has occurred for thousands of years, in different countries, with races of color and classes of people. I pray for justice in ongoing racism, which is still found here in America. I pray that these wrongs look very wrong to everyone who views these situations; make it clear to everyone God, that races of color are beautiful, valuable, and worthy. You are the author of justice Lord, we ask that you would rain down justice in the form of convictions, law changes, police training, transformed mindsets and hearts, and continued racial reconciliation. Help us to look to you...and your Word to remind ourselves of what justice should look like. You know what injustice is like God; every sin committed is an injustice against you. Lord help us to fight injustice in the right way, may we always look to you as the solution. Oh Lord, that there would be more and more hearts transformed by your grace. May this time of injustice produce opportunities for conversation to talk about your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. May we seek you

in our quest for justice, and may we continue to pray in your name for justice to be served when lives are taken and hateful actions are committed. In your name Jesus, **Amen.**

Heal our Land

We pray for your great healing on our land. Shine your face on us dear God. We need you now, more than ever before. Our times are in your hands. Thank you that you are rich in mercy and full of grace. Thank you that you are forgiving and merciful. Thank you that you are strong and mighty. Thank you that you are for us and that you fight for us still today. Bring honor to your Name, Oh Lord, for You alone are worthy. **Amen.**

Prayer to Love Others

Lord, help us to see the issues around me in our community. Help us to be the person who go out of our way to meet them. Lord, our hearts have gotten hardened. We haven't loved people the way you love them. We've only loved those that think and act the way we do. Help us love people the way you love them. Help us to love enough we'd be willing to lay down our lives for them. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Those Who Protect America

Lord, police officers' days are filled with uncertainties and unknowns as they make quick and often life-changing or life-threatening decisions. Help them to be wise and invoke all their training and experience before moving or speaking. When they have the opportunity to investigate a situation before taking action and engaging, give them patience not to rush to judgment or anger. Give them compassion when they determine there is no ill intent but also a keen awareness for deception. Remind them that they may not have all the evidence to make a final decision. Help them to see the good in people, and don't let their hearts become hardened and calloused by the challenging situations they encounter daily. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer: Concluding Prayer – Fr. Jacob

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, forever 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.**