

# MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

## VESPERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

**Presider (P):** God, + come to my assistance.

**All Respond (A):** Lord, make haste to help me.

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

A: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

**Ant.1 P:** Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end. (Psalm 136)

**Mary Side of Church (M):** O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, \* for his love endures for ever. Give thanks to the God of gods \* for his love endures for ever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \* for his love endures for ever;

**Joseph Side of Church (J):** who alone has wrought marvelous works, \* for his love endures for ever; whose wisdom it was made the skies, \* for his love endures for ever; who fixed the earth firmly on the seas, \* for his love endures for ever.

**M:** It was he who made the great lights, \* for his love endures for ever, the sun to rule in the day, \* for his love endures for ever, the moon and the stars in the night, \* for his love endures for ever.

**J:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**M:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end.

**Ant. 2 P:** Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

**M:** The first-born of the Egyptians he smote, \* for his love endures for ever. He brought Israel out from their midst, \* for his love endures for ever; arm outstretched, with power in his hand, \* for his love endures for ever.

**J:** He divided the Red Sea in two, \* for his love endures for ever; he made Israel pass through the midst, \* for his love

endures for ever; he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea, \* for his love endures for ever.

**M:** Through the desert his people he led, \* for his love endures for ever. Nations in their greatness he struck, \* for his love endures for ever. Kings in their splendor he slew, \* for his love endures for ever.

**J:** Sihon, king of the Amorites, \* for his love endures for ever; and Og, the king of Bashan, \* for his love endures for ever.

**M:** He let Israel inherit their land, \* for his love endures for ever. On his servant their land he bestowed, \* for his love endures for ever. He remembered us in our distress, \* for his love endures for ever.

**J:** And he snatched us away from our foes, \* for his love endures for ever. He gives food to all living things, \* for his love endures for ever. To the God of heaven give thanks, \* for his love endures for ever.

**M:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**J:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

**Ant. 3 P:** God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-10)

**M:** Praised be the God and Father \* of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ \* every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**J:** God chose us in him \* before the world began to be holy \* and blameless in his sight.

**M:** He predestined us \* to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, † that all might praise the glorious favor \* he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

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**J:** In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \* and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous \* is God's favor to us.

**M:** God has given us the wisdom \* to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased \* to decree in Christ.

**J:** A plan to be carried out \* in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, \* in the heavens and on earth.

**M:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**J:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ.

## READING

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (James 3:17-18)

## RESPONSORY

**P:** In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

**A:** In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

**P:** The Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

**A:** He spoke with eloquence.

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**A:** In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE: LUKE 1:46-55

**Ant.:** **P:** O blessed doctor, Saint John, light of holy Church and lover of God's law, pray to the Son of God for us.

**A:** My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will

call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, \* and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever. 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.

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## INTERCESSIONS

**P:** Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high priest among men and their representative before God. We honor him and in our weakness we pray:

**A:** Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

**P:** You marvelously illuminated your Church through distinguished leaders and holy men and women,

**A:** let Christians rejoice always in such splendor.

**P:** You forgave the sins of your people when their holy leaders like Moses sought your compassion,

**A:** through their intercession continue to purify and sanctify your holy people.

**P:** In the midst of their brothers and sisters you anointed your holy ones and filled them with the Holy Spirit,

**A:** fill all the leaders of your people with the same Spirit.

**P:** You yourself are the only visible possession of our holy pastors,

**A:** let none of them, won at the price of your blood, remain far from you.

**P:** The shepherds of your Church keep your flock from being snatched out of your hand. Through them you give your flock eternal life,

**A:** save those who have died, those for whom you gave up your life.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CONCLUDING PRAYER