

**AT THE MEETING OF THE BURLINGTON CONVOCATION
EVENING PRAYER 7:00PM**

The Congregation responds with the words in Bold

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*

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

✠O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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. Alleluia.

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.**

PSALM 53

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, ***
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers ***
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; *
for God has scattered the bones of the enemy;
they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.
- 6 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! ***
when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Glory be 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.

THE LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 11:37-52

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it." One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too." And he said, "Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

Here endeth the Lesson.

THE 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 be 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.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant I believe in God,
People **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 SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Our Father,
People **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.**

THE SUFFRAGES

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 Spirit in the communion of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

O Sovereign Lord, who didst bring thy servant Alfred to a Troubled throne that he might establish peace in a ravaged land and revive learning and the arts among the people: Awake in us also, we beseech thee, a keen desire to increase our understanding while we are in this world, and an eager longing to reach that endless life where all will be made clear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and

reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on thy Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for thy people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Burlington Convocation, in her parishes, and in the Diocese of New Jersey, for the renewal and mission of thy Church. Teach us in all things to seek first thy honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings are invited.

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 our selves 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.**

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

✠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.**