# 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 Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### 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 78:66-73

- 66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, \* and like a giant refreshed with wine.
- 67 He drave his enemies backward, \* and put them to a perpetual shame.
- 68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, \* and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
- 69 But chose the tribe of Judah, \* even the hill of Sion which he loved.
- 70 And there he built his temple on high, \* and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.
- 71 He chose David also his servant, \* and took him away from the sheep-folds:
- 72 As he was following the ewes with their young he took him, \* that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
- 73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, \* and ruled them prudently with all his power.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE LESSON

Here begins the Sixteenth verse of the First chapter of the Epistle of James.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Here ends 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 Ghost: \*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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 them that 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 Blessed Mary Ever Virgin and with all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

## THE COLLECTS

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **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.** 

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 grant their requests (*Intercessions may now be made*): Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**▼**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.** 

Beseeching the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin and of all thy saints, \*\* 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.**