



*A ministry and community of prayer of
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont*

A few notes about our service:

The Green Mountain Online Abbey is a community of liturgical prayer that uses a range of resources approved by the Anglican communion and our Bishop. Within the liturgy, we offer intercessions on behalf of the community, the church, and the world. At some services, the leader will invite personal intercession, at which time you are welcome to unmute and offer your own biddings. Otherwise, please keep your microphone muted as you pray with the responder.

If you would like to add to our prayer list, please email Vicar adwoa Wilson at awilson@diovermont.org.

As an Abbey, we also offer formation in Scripture, Anglican tradition, and the spiritual life. With some occasional or seasonal omissions, these offerings occur on Saturday mornings for 30-60 minutes, immediately following 8:00 am prayer.

Welcome!

Evening Prayer

4-12-2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

The Officiant begins

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Led by a deacon

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant O God, be not far from us.
People Come quickly to help us, O God.

All Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Light of the World *Phos hilaron*
Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Then follows

Evening Psalm Antiphon

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

Psalms Appointed 146 & 147

Read responsively by whole verse

Psalm 146

1 Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul! *
I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
whose promise abides for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed *
and food to those who hunger.

7 God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind; *
God lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 God loves the righteous
and cares for the stranger; *
God sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 God shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia!

Psalm 147

1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; *
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!

2 For you rebuild Jerusalem *
and gather the exiles of Israel.

3 You heal the brokenhearted *
and bind up their wounds.

4 You count the number of the stars *
and call them all by their names.

5 Great are you and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to your wisdom.

6 You lift up the lowly, *
but cast the wicked to the ground.

7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; *
we make music to you upon the harp,

8 For you cover the heavens with clouds *
and prepare rain for the earth;

9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve humankind.

10 You provide food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; *
you have no pleasure in human strength;

12 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, *
in those who await your gracious favor.

13 Worship God, O Jerusalem; *
praise your Sovereign, O Zion;

14 For the Holy One has strengthened the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.

15 Peace has been established on your borders; *
you are satisfied with the finest wheat.

16 You send out your command to the earth, *
and your word runs very swiftly.

17 You give snow like wool *
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.

18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against your cold?

19 You send forth your word and melt them; *
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.

20 You declare your word to Jacob, *
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.

21 You have not done so to any other nation; *
to them you have not revealed your judgments.
Alleluia!

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Evening Psalm Antiphon

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hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Lessons

First Reading

Reader: A reading from **1 John 1:1-7**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

After the Readings, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32*

O God, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the **Gospel of John 14:1-7**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

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A full minute of silence is observed so that we may reflect on the teachings and ministry of Jesus.

Affirmation of Faith

Together

We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see;
Who is Ruler of the universe:
Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true man.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us.
Who is one with Creator; one with Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation!

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

An alternative Lord's Prayer

Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For all creation, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages **B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O God.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O God.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O God.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O God.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned
before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O God.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of
[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to
Christ,
We entreat you, O God.

The Collects

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Officiant

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Officiant

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. **Please unmute yourself if you wish to share your prayer aloud. Remember to return your microphone to mute when you have completed your prayer.***

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of humanity,
revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and
our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Creator and the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless God. Alleluia, alleluia.

People To God be thanks forever. Alleluia, alleluia.

Concluding Sentences

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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