



*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. Each service is preceded by 3 minutes silence.

If you would like to add to our prayer list, please email Winnie Grace at wingrace1@gmail.com.

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

August 16, 2026

Ordinary Time Proper 15

The Officiant begins

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

The Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant

Absolution

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

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

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.

Psalm Appointed 118

Read responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God’s mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear God now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called out in my distress; *
God answered by setting me free.

6 The Mighty One is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
what can anyone do to me?

7 God is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on God *
than to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on God *
than to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees;
they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but God came to my help.

14 God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

18 God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

20 “This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, O God, hosanna! *
O Holy One, send us now success.

26 Blest is the one who comes in the name of God; *

we bless you from the house of God.

27 God is the Holy One who has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God’s mercy endures for ever.

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

Antiphon

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

The Lessons

First Reading

Reader: A reading from **2 Corinthians 13:1-11**

This is the third time I am coming to you. ‘Any charge must be sustained by the evidence of two or three witnesses.’ I warned those who sinned previously and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again, I will not be lenient — since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the

truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

After the Readings, the Reader says

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

People Thanks be to God.

Together

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

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 forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Mark 5:25-34**

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

After the Readings, the Reader says

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People Thanks be to God.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

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.

A prayer for conciliation

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, have mercy.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a home, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced, and who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, and in hope that the love of God can heal all broken bonds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own ancestry and those who once walked this land, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [] and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Collects

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

Lord 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.*

Together

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life

may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
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.***

The Officiant offers the concluding collect

O God,
it is your will to hold both heaven and earth
in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Together

Almighty God, of boundless mercy,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Savior Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips,
but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ, our best vision,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless God.

People To God be thanks forever.

Concluding Sentences

Officiant says one of the following

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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