

A Service of Evening Prayer  
Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church  
Readings Commemorating Hilda of Whitby (680 C.E.)  
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**Opening Chant: Another World**

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An-oth-er world is not on - ly pos-si-ble, she is on her way. On a  
qui - et day I can hear her breath - ing. She is on her way.

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

*All*

***Gracious God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.***

**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 the human 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.***

**Psalm 15**

*Antiphon* Those who seek after God shall lack nothing that is good, \* for those who fear God have no want.

1 I was glad when they said to me, \* "Let us go to the house of God."

2 Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself.

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Holy One, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of God.

5 For there are the thrones of judgement, \* the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*“May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Holy One our God, \* I will seek to do you good.”

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### First Reading

*Lector:* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6).

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle

John of the Cross

*From “Song of the soul that is glad to know God by faith”*

*How well I know that fountain's rushing flow,\*  
although by night, its deathless spring is hidden.  
Even so full well I guess from whence its sources flow,\*  
though it be night. Its origins (since it has none) none knows:  
But that all origin from it arose,\*  
although by night.*

*The eternal source hides in Living Bread,\*  
that we with life eternal may be fed,  
though it be night. Here to all creatures it is crying, hark!  
That they should drink their fill through the dark,  
for it is night. This living fount which is to me so dear,\*  
within the bread of life I see it clear,  
though it be night.*

### Second Reading

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (19:27-29).

Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you

who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or siblings or parents or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.

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

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Shared Reflection

#### The Magnificat

*Antiphon*      **Christ has given us the ministry of reconciliation; \***  
                      **We come therefore as ambassadors of Christ. Alleluia.**

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God;**  
    **my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, \***  
    **for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed; \***  
    **you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,**  
    **and holy is your Name.**

**You have mercy on those who fear you \***  
    **from generation to generation.**

**You, O God, have shown strength with your arm, \***  
    **and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones \***  
    **And lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things \***  
    **and sent the rich away empty.**

**You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \***  
    **for you have remembered your promise of mercy,**

**The promise made to our forebears, \***  
    **to Abraham, Sara and their children forever.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, \***  
    **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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### The Prayers

*Officiant*    God be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**God in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

### Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O God;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O God, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. O God, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

### Collects

*Officiant*

O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household: Raise up these gifts in us, that we, following her example and prayers, may build up one another in love to the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Christ, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

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.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless God.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Officiant*

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.**

#### **Sources**

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- The Psalm translation is from the *Saint Helena Breviary*, p. 380.
- The collect and readings for Hilda of Whity can be found at [http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Hilda\\_Whitby.htm](http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Hilda_Whitby.htm)