

Wednesday Evening Prayer

OPENING

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness,
and illumine your church.

Hymn of Light

A hymn of praise to Christ the light may be sung or spoken.
Joyous light of glory of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
**We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.**
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.
**O Son of God, O giver of life:
The universe proclaims your glory.**

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The leader and the assembly give thanks, using the following or another appropriate form.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALMODY

The psalmody begins with Psalm 141 (below), a song of forgiveness and protection; Psalm 121.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

READINGS

REFLECTIONS

PRAYERS

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for those gathered this evening, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions may be added.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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