

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER, MARCH 17, 2020

Opening Sentences Luke 24.29

Stay with us Lord, for it is evening

The day is almost over.

Evening Hymn

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Thanksgiving For Light

God of gods, Light of lights,

We give you thanks and praise for your wisdom and steadfast love.

Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day

Bless and keep us this night, O Lord.

Hold us in your gentle hand and lead us in your everlasting way;

Through Christ Jesus our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm 141 # 674

Scripture Mark 12.28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Pharisees, some Herodians, and some Sadducees and Jesus disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Thanksgiving and Intercession Psalm 141.2

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O Lord,

The lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Eternal God, we thank you for being with us today,
And for every sign of your truth and love in Jesus Christ.

Especially we thank you for:

All works of compassion...

The good earth that is our home...

Examples of wisdom and righteousness...

Energy and strength to share your love...

Each new insight into your grace...

Gracious God, we remember in our own hearts the needs of others
we know....

That we might invoke your love for them,

And reach out to share your love in the name of Jesus.

Gracious God, we remember in our own hearts
the needs of others known to you...

Those subjected to tyranny and persecution...

Our enemies...

Those who are outcasts or strangers...

Those who offer welcome and hospitality...

God of all who worship you,
Make us one with all your saints and with any who are in need.
Teach us to befriend the weak, and welcome the outcast,
That we may serve the Lord Jesus Christ and live to offer him glory.
Amen.

Dismissal

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.