

Evening prayer

In Lent:



Welcome to a time of community and shared prayer as the day comes to an end.

Evening prayer (Evensong) originates from the 16th Century in the Church of England. It is a time of prayer at sundown to mark the ending of the activities of the day.

Its focus is Christ coming into the world and so uses Mary's song (Magnificat) and Simeon the Priest's praise on seeing baby Jesus (Nunc Dimittis).

It is a celebration of the fulfillment of God's promises to be with us always made real.

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OPENING

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Join us in lighting your candle)

[For our internet call and response, one leader reads the sentence, another reader read the bold. We are all invited to follow along with mics muted, or silently in our hearts, because the use of the internet causes muddled echoes and discourages unison readings.]

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, for it is evening,

and the day is nearly over.

You said to our hearts: "Seek my face,"

and so it is your face we seek.

adapted from Psalm 27:8 TIB

HYMN OF LIGHT (Cantor sing the Hymn, you may join with your mic muted)

O gra-cious Light,*
pure brightness of our everlasting God in heaven,
O Je-sus Christ,* ho-jy and blessed
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,*
and our eyes behold the ves-per light,
we sing your praises, O God,*
most holy and bles-s-ed Trinity.

Excerpted from "Phos hilaron," late 3rd/early 4th c.; adapted by Timothy J. Crouch, O.S.L. from the work of Charles Mortimer Guilbert

PRAYER OF AWARENESS AND ASSURANCE

Silence: Recall how Christ was present to you this day.

Great Spirit, you are always with us.
Therefore all that is now past,
 we surrender to you with thanks;
 all that is now present,
we receive from you with wonder;
 all that is yet to be,
 we await from you with hope.
In all our days, you walk with us;
 in all our hours, you dwell in us;
 in all our years, you provide for us.
You are always with us, as your baptized people,
 through Lenten pilgrimage to Easter Joy. **Amen.**

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Silence

May God who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness,"
 shine in our hearts
to give us the light of the knowledge
 of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Adapted from II Corinthians 4:6

We are a forgiven people! **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER

Out of the depths have I called to you;
O God, hear my *voice*,*
the voice of my supplication,
for there is for-giveness with you.

Adapted from Psalm 130:1-2, 4 OSH

(There may be an additional psalter readings)

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*;*
One God, now and for-ever, *A-men*

Silence

WORD

[POSSIBLE CANTICLE]

SCRIPTURE

(Possible additional appropriate readings, or)

We have been buried with Jesus through baptism,
and we joined with Jesus in death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by God's glory,
we too might live a new life.

Adapted from Romans 6:4 TIB

Silence

AN EXCERPT FROM THE CANTICLE OF MARY

My soul proclaims your great-ness, *Lord*;*

my spirit rejoices in you, my *Savior*;

You have mercy on those who *fear you**

in every gen-er-ation.

You have cast the mighty from their *thrones*;

you have lifted up the *lowly*.

You have filled the hungry with good *things*;

and the rich have been sent a-way *empty*.

You have come to the help of your ser-vant *Israel*,

for you have remembered your promise of *mercy*

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[A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION]

Silence:

Please use this space for your thoughts, questions and reflections.

PRAYERS

*A time to pray for the life of the church and the world
and the concerns of the heart.*

List your prayers for yourself and others, the church and the world.

Keep this list near you as you go about your week, referring to it often.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please read slowly along with us, mic on mute.)

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.

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CONCLUDING COLLECTED PRAYER:

Life of all that lives,
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying;
all the summer of our frenzy,
hot and bright, is passing:
and so, we give you laud and praise undying. **Amen.**

References to John of Damascus' hymn, "Come, ye faithful", OTB

HYMN

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Tune: KINGSFOLD (BOS120, UMH285)

On the dark road to Jerusalem,
Jesus, you set your face,
though knowing in your heart of hearts
could be your dying place.

You could not turn from cross's pain,
nor run from evil's power.
No other witness to God's reign,
but this courageous hour.

Our faith flows from your faithfulness,
our lives from your life-blood.
Against oppressive forces now
we walk the self-same road.

Your goodness is transforming strength,
your kin(g)dom earthly call.
We see beyond the terror tree,
life healing for us all.

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GOING FORTH & A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

The Lord Jesus be near us to defend us,
within us to refresh us,
around us to preserve us,
before us to guide us,
behind us to justify us,
and above us to bless us.

10th c. prayer adapted by **TAR**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us.
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AFTER THE SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER:

You are welcome to stay with the group awhile and get to know others.
Thank you for your participation and your prayers.
Please spread the word about our prayer service.

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