

EVENING PRAYER

October 24, 2003

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Let us pray.

Almighty 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 Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
By what we done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

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

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

O Gracious Light

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,

We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

My soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere. (2x)

One thing I ask and I would seek:

To see Your beauty,

To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

My heart and flesh cry out

For You, the living God;

Your Spirit's water for my soul.

I've tasted and I've seen,

Come once again to me;

I will draw near to You. (2x)

Psalm 31 (Father, I Put My Life in Your Hands)

Antiphon: Father, I put my life in Your hands.

In You, O Lord, I take refuge,
Let me never be put to shame.
Into Your hands I commend my spirit,
You will redeem me, faithful God.

For all my foes reproach me,
Neighbors laugh and friends stand off.
I am forgotten like dead unremembered.
I am like a dish cast down.

But my trust is in You, O Lord,
I say, "You are my God."
Into Your hands I place my future,
From the clutch of foes you rescue me.

Let Your face shine on Your servant,
O save me in Your love.
Be stouthearted and come take courage,
All you who now hope in the Lord.

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Old Testament Reading Ezra 3:1-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Holy Is His Name)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exults in God my Savior.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

He has mercy in ev'ry generation,
He has revealed His power and His glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help His servant Israel;
He remembers His promise to our fathers.

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Old Testament Reading I Corinthians 16:10-24

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The Song of Simeon

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, 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 Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MY PRAYERS COME BEFORE YOU LIKE INCENSE

My prayers come before you like incense.
The raising of my hands
Like the evening offering. (2x)

I call to you, Lord, help me.
Listen to me when I call to you.
Lord, I cry to you, so listen to me, Lord,
I am invoking you.

Keep me from evil, watch over me.
Set a guard at the door of my lips.
Lord, I turn to you, so listen to me, Lord,
I am invoking you.

Defend me, O Lord, I take refuge in you.
Guard me from those who do evil.
Lord, I trust in you, so listen to me, Lord,
I am invoking you.

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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 Lord, 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 the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.