

Evening Prayer

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+ Evening Prayer +

*The people's responses are listed in **bold**.*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

God is our light and our salvation,
our refuge and our stronghold.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.
For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

HYMN TO LIGHT

Sung as solo by Leader

“Joyous Light of Glory”

Joyous light of glory, shine among your people;
show us the loving face of God on high.
Jesus Christ our Savior, bring us here together
as setting sun gives way to evening light.
We sing to God, Father, Son, and Spirit,
worthy of praise forever and ever.
O Son of God, you give us life eternal;
the universe proclaims your glory.
Joyous light of glory, shine among your people;
show us the loving face of God on high.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The leader leads the assembly in the dialog.

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.

The leader leads the Thanksgiving for Light. The assembly responds at the end.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you established 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.

WORD

Psalm 34

We pray the psalm responsively.

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your service, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4

A reading from Song of Solomon.

¹⁰ I am my beloved's,
and his desire is for me.

¹¹ Come, my beloved,
let us go forth into the fields,
and lodge in the villages;

¹² let us go out early to the vineyards,
and see whether the vines have budded,
whether the grape blossoms have opened
and the pomegranates are in bloom.

There I will give you my love.

¹³ The mandrakes give forth fragrance,
and over our doors are all choice fruits,
new as well as old,
which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

O that you were like a brother to me,
who nursed at my mother's breast!

If I met you outside, I would kiss you,
and no one would despise me.

² I would lead you and bring you
into the house of my mother,
and into the chamber of the one who bore me.

I would give you spiced wine to drink,
the juice of my pomegranates.
³ O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!
⁴ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

Sung by soloist

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

John 6:25-35

A reading from John.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ 26 Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ 28 Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ 29 Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ 30 So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” 32 Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34 They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

35 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Pastor Tim

The reflection concludes with the dialog:

The Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Hymn

Sung by soloist

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

PRAYERS

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 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 this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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