

For this community; for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and may show forth your glory in all that we do....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, for the healing of our minds and our bodies, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who commended themselves to our prayers: for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace and health....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(Other petitions may be spoken by members of the community.)

In the communion of the Holy Spirit and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### ***Bless the Lord, My Soul***

#### **† MEALTIME BLESSING**

Lord Jesus, stay with us,

FOR EVENING IS AT HAND AND THE DAY IS PAST;

Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts  
and awaken hope,

THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AS YOU ARE REVEALED  
IN SCRIPTURE AND IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Grant this for the sake of your love.

AMEN.

#### **† BENEDICTION**

Eternal Creator of light,

Yours is the morning and yours is the evening.

Draw us to yourself so there will be no darkness within us.

AMEN.

Let us go in peace.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

# A LITURGY FOR EVENING PRAYER



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## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### † OPENING

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Let the name of the Lord be praised.

YOU, O LORD, ARE MY LAMP.

MY GOD, YOU MAKE MY DARKNESS BRIGHT.

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

### † *The Lord is in Our Midst*

### † EVENING PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O God,

FOR YOU ARE WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT END.

Through Christ, you created the whole world;

THROUGH CHRIST, YOU PRESERVE IT.

Through Christ you made the day for the works of light

AND THE NIGHT FOR THE REFRESHMENT OF OUR  
MINDS AND OUR BODIES.

Keep us now in Christ, grant us a peaceful evening.

A NIGHT FREE FROM SIN, AND BRING US AT LAST  
TO ETERNAL LIFE.

Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit,

WE OFFER YOU ALL GLORY, HONOR AND WORSHIP,  
NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

## PSALM READING – PSALM 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;

I DO NOT OCCUPY MYSELF WITH THINGS  
TOO GREAT AND TOO MARVELOUS FOR ME.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;

MY SOUL IS LIKE A WEANED CHILD  
WITHIN ME.

O Israel, hope in the Lord

FROM THIS TIME ON AND FOREVERMORE.

## PSALM PRAYER

Sovereign God, you have been our help during the day  
and you promise to be with us at night.

RECEIVE THIS PRAYER AS A SIGN OF OUR TRUST IN YOU.  
SAVE US FROM ALL EVIL, KEEP US FROM HARM,  
AND GUIDE US IN YOUR WAY. WE BELONG TO YOU, LORD.

Protect us by the power of your name,  
in Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN.

## READING FROM SCRIPTURE

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord!

THANKS BE TO GOD.

## SILENCE

### Song of your Choice:

*Humbly I Come or*

*Lord, I Call Upon Your Name or*

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(... indicates a brief silent pause)

Lord, in your mercy.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and  
forbearance may grow among nations and peoples....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the holy church of God, that it may be filled with truth and  
love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those in positions of public trust, especially governmental  
leaders, those working for justice within legal systems, healthcare  
workers, police officers and others seeking to protect the  
vulnerable—that they may serve justice and promote the dignity  
and freedom of all people....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For a blessing upon the labors of all, and for the right use of the  
riches of creation....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger:

that they may be relieved and protected....

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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