

Evening Prayer

A Simplified Form



Opening

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Psalmody

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

- 6 the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life
- 8 The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Readings

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Gospel Canticle

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones and
lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Musical Reflection

Prayer

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Blessing

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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