

Liturgies for Evening Prayer – 2016

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Evening Prayer – January

Opening Words

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness,
on them has the light shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son of the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Hymn – Our Day of Praise is Done

(Tune: Dennis or Southwell, SM)

1. Our day of praise is done;
the evening shadows fall;
but pass not from us with the sun,
true Light that lightens all.
2. It's yours each soul to calm,
each wayward thought reclaim,
and make our life a daily psalm
of glory to your name.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you – **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Creator of the Universe

From old you have led your people by night and day.

May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,

For your Word and presence light our pathways,

And you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.



Words of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(Readers in succession)

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits,

To another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All: These are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reflection

Closing Words

In the power of your presence – *Lord may we abide.*

In the love of the Lord – *Lord may we abide.*

In the strength of the savior – *Lord may we abide.*

In the compassion of Christ – *Lord may we abide.*

In the joy of Jesus – *Lord may we abide.*

In the dwelling of our God – *Lord may we abide.*

That we may dwell in you and you in us

Lord may we abide.

Bless to us, O God

The moon that is above us,

The earth that is beneath us

The friends who are around us,

Your image deep within us

Your rest which is before us. Amen

Evening Prayer – February

Opening Words

The city of God has no need of sun or moon,

**for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.**

By its light shall the nations walk,

and the rulers of earth shall bring their treasures into it.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

The Day You Gave Us Lord is Ended

(Tune: St. Clement)

1. The day You gave us, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Your behest;
To You our morning hymns ascended,
Your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. As over each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the song of praise away.
3. So be it, Lord; Your throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Your kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Your creatures own Your sway.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you,

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O Lord God Almighty, as You have taught us to call the evening,
the morning, and the noonday one day,

And have made the sun to know its going down,

Through Your Son Jesus dispel the darkness of our hearts,

That by Your brightness we may know

You to be the true God and eternal Light,

Living and reigning forever and ever.

Amen.

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reflection

Closing Words

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

so do we look for you, O Christ.

Let us now speak this blessing upon one another

Deep peace of the running wave to you;

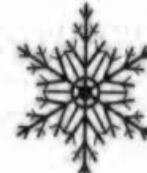
Deep peace of the flowing air to you;

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;

Deep peace of the shining stars to you;

Deep, deep peace of Christ to you;

Deep, deep peace of Christ to you.



Evening Prayer – March

Opening Words

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

and may the poor be lifted up.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Hymn – Jesus, Redeemer of the World

(Tune: O Waly Waly, LM)

1. Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
Word of the Father throned on high,
light from the light invisible,
and watchful guardian over all:
2. The whole creation's architect,
you set the bounds of night and day;
give to our wearied bodies rest
in night's enfolding quietness.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you,

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of endless light,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In him your light shines in our hearts
and reveals the light that never fades.**

As daylight comes to an end

and darkness begins to fall,

We thank you for the light of day,
created for our work and pleasure,

and bless you for the gift of this evening light.



Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (Isaiah 55:1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reflection

Closing Words

On our hearts and on our homes

The blessing of God.

In our coming and in our going

The peace of God.

In our lives and in our seeking

The love of God.

At our end and new beginnings

The arms of God to welcome us

and bring us home.

Evening Prayer – April

Opening Words

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Death has no more dominion over us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Evening Hymn – O Radiant Light

(Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur, LM)

1. O radiant Light, O Sun divine,
of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the Light sublime,
that fills the heavenly dwelling place.
2. O Son of God, the source of life,
praise is your due by night and day.
Our happy lips must raise the strain
of your esteemed and splendid name.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades,
as shine the lights of eventide,
we praise the Father with the Son,
the Spirit blest and with them one.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you, – **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Redeemer God. You destroyed the bonds of death and from the darkness of the tomb drew forth the light of the world.

You led us through the waters of death, and made us children of light singing Alleluias and dancing to the music of new life.

Pour out your Spirit upon us that dreams and visions bring us ever closer to the kingdom of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.



Through him and in the Holy Spirit glory be to you, almighty God, this night and forever and ever.

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (John 10:22-30)

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reflection -

Closing Words

This night and every night

grant to us light

This night and every night

grant to us peace

This night and every night

grant to us rest

This night and every night

grant to us grace

This night and every night

grant to us joy

Evening Prayer – May

Opening Words

God will come, and there shall be continuous day,

for at evening time there shall be light.

God is light;

in God there is no darkness at all.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Opening Hymn – O Christ Who is the Light & Day

(Tune: Winchester New, LM)

1. O Christ, who is the light and day,
You drive the night and gloom away;
O Light of Light, whose Word does show
The light of heaven to us below.
2. All-holy Lord, in humble prayer
We ask tonight Your watchful care.
O grant us calm repose in Thee,
A quiet night, from perils free.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are bending our knees

In the eye of the God who created us

In the eye of the Son who died for us

In the eye of the Spirit who moves us

In love and in desire,

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us

Each day and night – each sea and land

Each weather fair – each calm each wild

Thanks be to you O God.

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.



Words of Scripture (Genesis 11:1-9)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reflection

Closing Hymn – O Christ Who is the Light & Day

(Tune: Winchester New, LM)

3. Asleep though wearied eyes may be,
Still keep the heart awake to Thee;
Let Thy right hand outstretched above
Guard those who serve the Lord they love.
4. All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

Closing Words

May God bless us in our sleep with rest,

in our dreams with vision,

in our waking with a calm mind,

in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit

this night and every night. *Amen*

Evening Prayer – June

Opening Words

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.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Evening Hymn – Day Is Done

(Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos)

1. Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.
God, our Maker, none forsaking,
take our hearts of Love's own making
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
be always near.
2. Dark descends, but light unending shines through our night
You are with us, ever lending new strength to sight
One in love, your truth confessing,
one in hope of heaven's blessing
May we see, in love's possessing
love's endless light!

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you – **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You made the day for the works of light

and the night to refresh our minds and bodies.

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

**Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all
glory, honor, and worship, now and for ever.**

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Evening Psalm Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *[Selah]* Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *[Selah]* Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *[Selah]* I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Reflection

Closing Words

Bless to us, O God

The moon that is above us,

The earth that is beneath us

The friends who are around us,

Your image deep within us

The rest which is before us

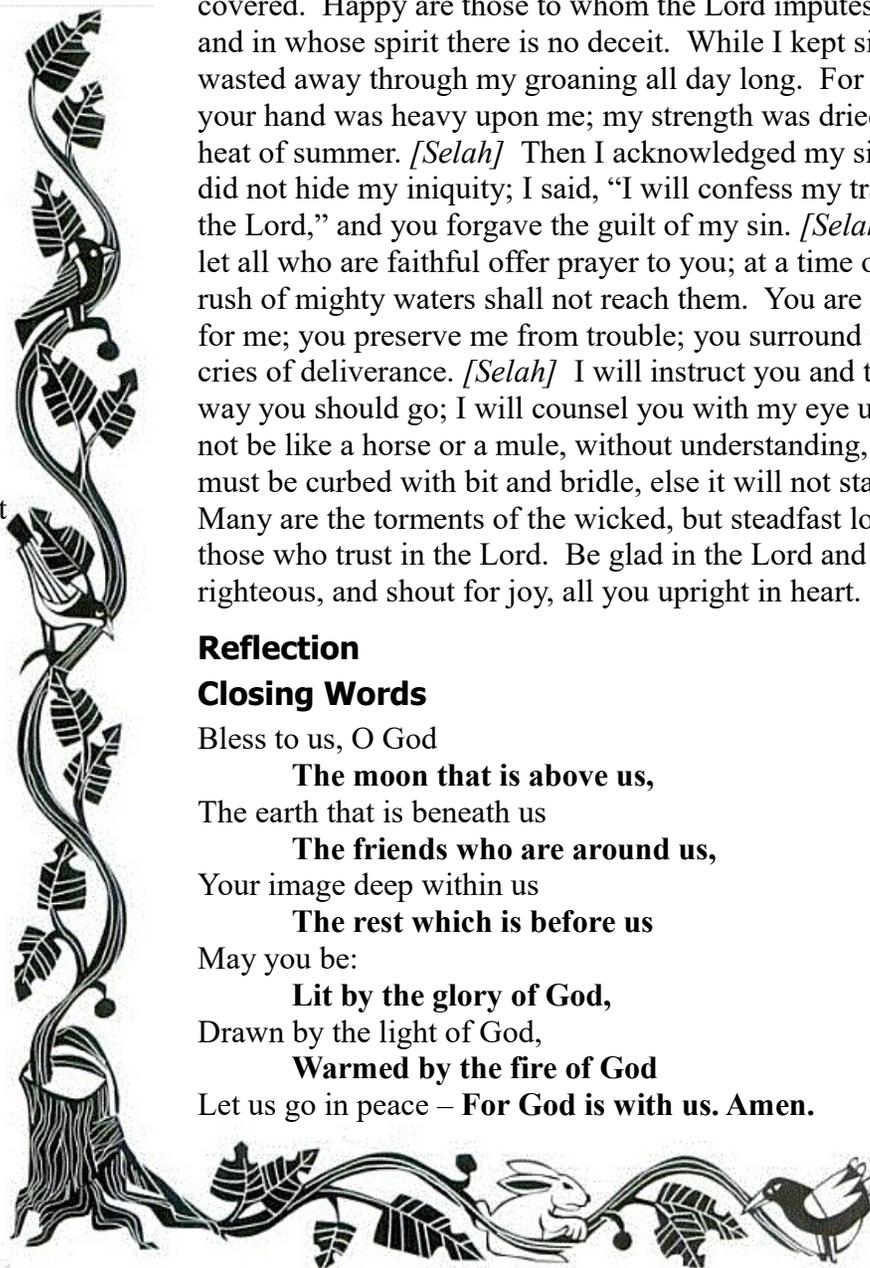
May you be:

Lit by the glory of God,

Drawn by the light of God,

Warmed by the fire of God

Let us go in peace – **For God is with us. Amen.**



Evening Prayer – July

Opening Words

God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!”
is the same God who made light shine in our hearts
To bring us the knowledge of God’s glory
shining in the face of Christ.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Evening Hymn – O Light Whose Splendor Thrills (Tune: St. Clement)

1. O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
With radiance brighter than the sun,
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest anointed One.
2. As twilight hovers near at sunset,
And lamps are lit, and children nod,
In evening hymns we lift our voices
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
3. In all life's brilliant, timeless moments,
Let faithful voices sing Your praise.
O Son of God, our life-bestower,
Whose glory lightens endless days.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you,
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to God
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, Creator of the Universe
From old you have led your people by night and day.
May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,
for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways,
and you are the light and life of all creation.
Amen



Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.
In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (John 1:1-5, 9-15)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Reflection

Closing Words

In the power of your presence – ***Lord may we abide.***
In the love of the Lord – ***Lord may we abide.***
In the strength of the savior – ***Lord may we abide.***
In the compassion of Christ – ***Lord may we abide.***
In the joy of Jesus – ***Lord may we abide.***
In the dwelling of our God – ***Lord may we abide.***
That we may dwell in you and you in us
Lord may we abide.
Bless to us, O God
The moon that is above us,
The earth that is beneath us
The friends who are around us,
Your image deep within us
Your rest which is before us. Amen

Evening Prayer – August

Opening Words

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night;
you established the moon and the sun.
You fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15,16

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Evening Hymn – The Lord Be With Us

(Tune: Land of Rest, CM)

1. The Lord be wi-th us as we wa-lk
along our ho-me-ward road;
in silent thou-ght or friendly ta-lk
our hearts be ne-ar to God.
2. The Lord be wi-th us till the ni-ght
shall close the da-y of rest;
be God of ev-ery heart the Li-ght,
of every ho-me the Guest.
3. And when our ni-ght-ly prayers we sa-y,
a watch God sti-ll shall keep,
crown with God's gra-ce this blessed da-y,
and guard God's pe-op-le's sleep.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you,
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to God
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
O Lord God Almighty, as You have taught us to call the evening,
the morning, and the noonday one day,
And have made the sun to know its going down,
Through Your Son Jesus dispel the darkness of our hearts,
**That by Your brightness we may know You to be the true
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Living and reigning forever and ever.
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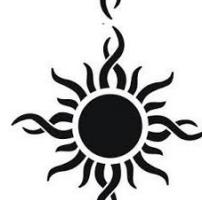
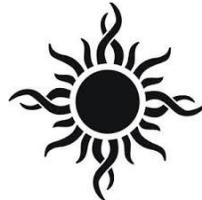
Words of Scripture (Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reflection

Closing Words

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.
Let us now speak this blessing upon one another
**Deep peace of the running wave to you;
Deep peace of the flowing air to you;
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
Deep peace of the shining stars to you;
Deep, deep peace of Christ to you;
Deep, deep peace of Christ to you.**



Evening Prayer – September

Opening Words

We come in; we come together – **And we are welcome**

You are here Lord; You are here:

In the quiet evening

In the lengthening shades

In the wakening stars

In the gathering people

You are here, Lord; You are here – **We are here, Lord**

We are here.

To remember your presence

To bring you our day

To give you ourselves

To share in your stillness

We are here, Lord – **We are here.**

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Hymn – Jesus, Light of Joy Surround Us

(Tune: Lauda Anima)

1. Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine: source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.
2. Now the shadows fall around us; now the evening has begun: still your gracious light is with us, brighter than the morning sun. Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three-in-One.
3. With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might. All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night: Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you all – **and also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Creator of the Universe

From old you have led your people by night and day.

May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,

for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways,

and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (Jeremiah 18:1-11)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reflection

Closing Words

On our hearts and on our homes

The blessing of God.

In our coming and in our going

The peace of God.

In our lives and in our seeking

The love of God.

At our end and new beginnings

The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.



Evening Prayer – October

Opening Words

Where can we go from God's presence?

Where can we flee from God's spirit?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there.

If we die on earth, God is here.

If we take the wings of the morning,
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**God, even there your hand shall lead us,
your hand shall hold us fast.**

Even if the darkness covers us,
and the light around us becomes night,

Even the darkness is not dark to you, O God.

For the night is as bright as the day,

Darkness is as light to you.

Come, let us worship the God who created us.

Let us worship the God who brings us into life.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Opening Hymn – All Praise to Thee, My God

(Tune: Tallis' Canon LM)

1. All praise to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, safe from harm
|Within the shelter of Thine arm!
2. Forgive me, Lord, through Christ, I pray,
The wrong that I have done this day,
That I, before I sleep, may be
At peace with neighbor, self, and Thee.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you – **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of endless light,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.



**In him your light shines in our hearts
and reveals the light that never fades.**

As daylight comes to an end

and darkness begins to fall,

We thank you for the light of day,
created for our work and pleasure,

and bless you for the gift of this evening light.

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (Luke 18:1-8; the “unjust judge”)

Reflection

Closing Hymn – All Praise to Thee, My God

(Tune: Tallis' Canon LM)

3 O may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make
To serve Thee, God, when I awake.

4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Closing Words

This night and every night

grant to us light

This night and every night

grant to us peace

This night and every night

grant to us rest

This night and every night

grant to us grace

This night and every night

grant to us joy

Evening Prayer – November

Opening Words

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Opening Hymn – O Radiant Light

(Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur, LM)

1. O radiant Light, O Sun divine,
of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the Light sublime,
that fills the heavenly dwelling place.
2. O Son of God, the source of life,
praise is your due by night and day.
Our happy lips must raise the strain
of your esteemed and splendid name.

Thanksgiving for the Light

May God be with you – **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are bending our knees

**In the eye of the God who created us
In the eye of the Son who died for us
In the eye of the Spirit who moves us
In love and in desire,**

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us

**Each day and night – each sea and land
Each weather fair – each calm each wild
Thanks be to you O God.**

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.



Psalm of Thanksgiving (Psalm 65:1-4, 9-13)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house, your holy temple.**

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

**you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

Reflection

Closing Hymn – O Radiant Light

(Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur, LM)

3. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades,
as shine the lights of eventide,
we praise the Father with the Son,
the Spirit blest and with them one.

Closing Words

May God bless us in our sleep with rest,

in our dreams with vision,

in our waking with a calm mind,

in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit

this night and every night.

Amen

Evening Prayer – December

Opening Words

The Spirit and the church cry out:

Come, Lord Jesus.

All those who await his appearance pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

The whole creation pleads:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence: *Be still, aware of God's presence in and around us.*

Hymn – Creator of the Stars of Night

(Tune: Conditor Alme Siderum, LM)

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.
2. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
3. To God Creator, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Sharing Prayers and Concerns

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

In you, O God, we trust.

Words of Scripture (1 Th 5:16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything;

Hold fast to what is good;

abstain from every form of evil.



May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;

**And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound
and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The one who calls you is faithful,

and he will do this.

Reflection

Prayer – Gracious God, fill us with joy in this Advent season. Give us the discernment to focus on what is good, and hold fast to it. We pray that we may still see your light amid the sorrows and brokenness which are with us no matter what the season. Please, don't let your Spirit within us be quenched either by the deluge of this world's ills or by the flood of activities surrounding the trimming the hearth and setting of the table. Jesus, keep our souls and bodies sound; we know that you are faithful, and will do this.

Closing Words

O *Wisdom*, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Adonai*, Ruler of the house of Israel,
Come with outstretched arm to save us.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Root of Jesse*, rising as a sign for all the peoples,
Come quickly to deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Key of David*, Scepter over the house of Israel,
Come to free the prisoners who live in darkness

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Radiant Dawn*, splendor of eternal light,
Come, shine on those who live in the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Ruler of the Nations*, Monarch for whom the people long,
Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O *Immanuel*, desire of the nations and Savior of all:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come, Lord Jesus.