



# **EVENING PRAYER**

*from Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

# ELW Evening Prayer

## DIALOGUE

*A candle may be lit.*

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.**

## HYMN OF LIGHT

One of the two following settings is sung.

Leader



Joy-ous light of glo - ry:

All



of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O giv - er of life:



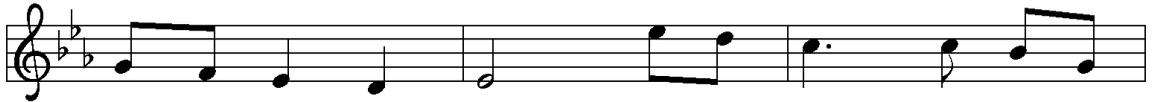
The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

*The leader and the assembly give thanks, using the following or another appropriate form.*

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.**

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

### PSALMODY

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
**the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

#### Psalm 141

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.  
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.  
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;  
in you I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
**the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

## HYMN



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak-ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer - cy send us,  
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,  
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.  
nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.  
but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

## READINGS

*Readings are as indicated in the Daily Lectionary. Where two or more are gathered, conversation about the readings may take place. The reflection may conclude with a scriptural dialogue.*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

## 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 bless'd:  
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.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

## PRAYERS

*The following litany or another form of the prayers may be sung or spoken.*

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 the 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 name/s and 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.**

*Other petitions may be added.*

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

*A time of silence follows.*

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

**To you, O Lord.**

*The litany may be followed by one or more additional prayers.*

*One or more of the following prayers and other appropriate prayers may be used.*

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.**

**OR**

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.**

**OR**

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 passes all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

*The greeting of peace may be shared by all.*

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