



# **EVENING PRAYER**

*from Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

# ELW Evening Prayer

## OPENING

God is our light and 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 OF LIGHT

*One of the two following settings is sung or spoken:*

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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.

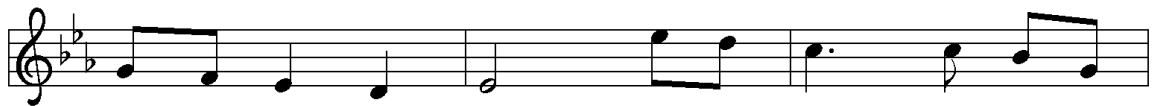
### ELW #561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



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 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.**

O God, Light of all lights,  
we worship you and glorify your name.

You appeared to Moses  
in the flames of a bush that burned  
and was not consumed.

You revealed him the holiness of your name:

I am who I am.

Then you came to us in Jesus Christ,  
your Word made flesh.

His life was extinguished,  
yet he rose from the dead!

Jesus spoke to us your promise:

I am the light of the world.

Let our hearts burn within us this night  
with the light of Christ's life—

the light that can never die—  
so that we may live each day  
to speak your truth and do your will  
all to the glory of your holy name.  
**Amen.**

## PSALMODY AND READINGS

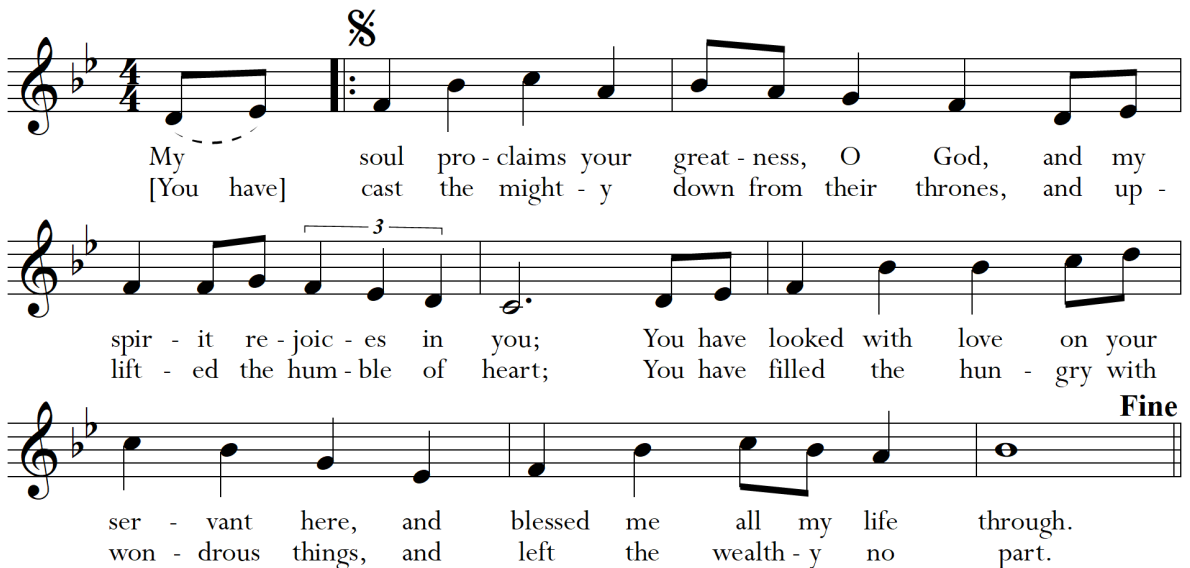
*The Psalm assigned for today is prayed. One or more of the scripture readings for today are read. Silence/reflection may follow the psalm and the scriptures. Readings are as indicated in the [Daily Lectionary](#). After each reading may be said:*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Where two or more are gathered, conversation about the readings may take place.*

## CANTICLE

*The Gospel canticle is sung or spoken:*



My soul pro - claims your great - ness, O God, and my  
[You have] cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -  
spir - it re - joic - es in you; You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart; You have filled the hun - gry with  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

**Fine**

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind - ness  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One, strong is your jus - tice,  
ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
strong your love, As you pro - mised to Sa - rah and A - bra - ham,  
1. hum - bling the proud of heart! You have more. My  
kind - ness for ev - er 2. **D.S. al Fine**

## PRAYERS

*The following or another form of the prayers may be used.*

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.*

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the commun-  
ion of Mary 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.*

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 ene-  
mies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Almighty God, the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

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

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