

EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

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.

God is our light and our 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.

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 lights 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.

READINGS AND HOMILY

PRAYERS

In peace,
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 all 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 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.

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 all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Please place your offering in the basket by the entry doors.

PRAYER

Let us pray. (pause)

**God of all creation, all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish with these gifts,
that we might be for the world signs
of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray. (pause)

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,
now knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and
your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace; serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If you would like to receive holy communion, please come to the altar railings and form a semi- circle facing forward.