

ELW Evening Prayer

## **DIALOGUE**

*The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle may be carried to its place.*

*A dialogue may accompany or follow the procession. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.*

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 scat- | ter the darkness  
**and illu- | mine your church.**

## **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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PSALMODY**

*The psalmody begins with Psalm 141, a song of forgiveness and protection; Psalm 121; or another psalm appropriate for evening.*

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

**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.**

*The psalmody may continue with one or more additional psalms. Each is followed by a time of silence, which may be concluded by a psalm prayer; the assembly responds, "Amen."*

#### **SONG**

*Additional assembly song may follow the psalmody. A hymn appropriate to the time of day or the season is normally sung, the assembly standing.*

#### **READINGS**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The service includes one or more scripture readings.*

#### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
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.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
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.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
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.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

## **PRAYERS**

*The assembly kneels or stands. 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.*

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**

**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.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

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

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