



Evening Prayer: Now It Is Evening  
July 15 & 22, 2020  
7:00 PM

## OPENING DIALOGUE

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.**

## EVENING HYMN



1 Now it is eve-ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re - mem-ber  
2 Now it is eve-ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem-ber  
3 Now it is eve-ning: lit - tle ones sleep-ing bid us re - mem-ber  
4 Now it is eve-ning: here in our meet-ing may we re - mem-ber



Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be  
Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be  
Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glect - ed, who will be  
Christ is our friend. Some may be strang - ers, who will be



neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.  
neigh-bor? Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.  
neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.  
neigh-bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

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## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

Glory and praise to you, Lord of light—perfection of beauty, splendor of majesty; brilliance of wisdom, bright holiness, deep mystery, refining fire. Shine upon us with the radiance of your face and the warmth of your blessing. Let us reflect the light you give and be a light to the nations, so that all the earth may know your glory; to you, O God, we pray; through Jesus Christ our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## PSALM 134

### REFRAIN



Mike Hay, 1953–1999  
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O come bless the LORD, all you who serve the LORD,  
who stand in the courts of the LORD.  
O come, bless the LORD, all you who serve the LORD,  
who stand in the courts of our God. *Refrain*

Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD through the night.  
May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
the God who made both heaven and earth. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As always before so now and evermore.  
Amen. *Refrain*

### PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, where two or three gather in your name, you promise to be with them. Look upon your family gathered in your name, and graciously pour out your blessing upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### WORD

*One or two scripture lessons are read.*

*Silence for reflection follows the lessons.*

### RESPONSORY

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

# GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT

## Verses



1. My soul is filled with joy as I
2. I am low - ly as a child, but I
3. I pro - claim the pow'r of God, you do
4. To the hun - gry you give food, send the
5. In your love you now ful - fill what you



sing to God my sav - ior: you have looked up - on your  
 know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -  
 mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you scat - ter the proud  
 rich a - way emp - ty. In your mer - cy you are  
 prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord, my



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.  
 mem - bered, for all will call me bless - ed.  
 heart - ed, and de - stroy the might of prin - ces.  
 mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.  
 sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

## Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er -



last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have



cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name.

Final ending

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# PRAYERS



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,



Watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; Give your



an-gels and saints charge o - ver all who sleep.

## Verses



1. Tend your ail - ing ones:		Rest your
2. Soothe your suf - f'ring ones:		Heal af -
3. Hold your griev - ing ones:	in your love, Lord;	Raise your
4. Guard your lit - tle ones:		Guide your



wea - ry ones:		Bless your
flict - ed ones:		Shield your
fal - len ones:	in your love, Lord;	Mend your
search - ing ones:		Grant us



dy - ing ones:		
joy - ous ones:	in your love, O Lord of	all.
bro - ken ones:		
all your peace:		

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 Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the  
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the  
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for ev-er.

# BLESSING

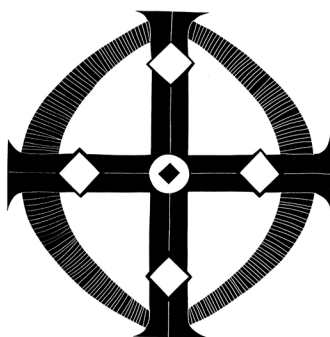


May God bless you, may God keep you, may God be  
gra-cious and look kind - ly on you; and may the Lord's face shine up -  
on you and give you peace, give you peace.

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*The peace may be shared by all.*

*All depart in silence.*





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