

Wednesday 27 January 2021: Evening Prayer

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,
The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us now, for it is evening,
And the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness,
And shine within your people here.

EVENING THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us sing our thanks to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe,
from old you have led your people by night and day.
May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,
for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways,
and you are the light and life of all creation.

PENITENCE

Silence for meditation and private penitence

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense,
and may your presence surround and fill us,
so that in union with all creation,
we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A PSALM

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
***The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.***

Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
***The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.***

Silence for meditation

Response

The light shines in the darkness...
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A READING

Mark 3: 13-19a

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot.

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ADDRESS

THE ANNUNCIATION *Luke 1 : 26-28, 30-32, 38*

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her "Rejoice, O highly favoured, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1 : 46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant;
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel.
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For peace and salvation, we pray to you:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For us, who are gathered to worship and praise you:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For all of your servants who live out your gospel:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For all who labour in service to others:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Great and merciful God,
source and ground of all goodness and life,
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,
and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, remember us in your love, 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
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE ENDING

Let us bless our God:
Praise and thanks to you.

May God, Creator, bless us and keep us,
may Christ be ever light for our lives,
may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path for all of our days.
Amen.

BLESSING