

# Evening Prayer

## Wednesday, March 25

*An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)*

*The Officiant begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*The Officiant may then say*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Psalm 111*

1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

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

*Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

<sup>2</sup>“There is no one holy like the LORD;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>“Do not keep talking so proudly  
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,

for the LORD is a God who knows,  
and by him deeds are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>“The bows of the warriors are broken,  
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full hire themselves out for food,  
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.

She who was barren has borne seven children,  
but she who has had many sons pines away.

<sup>6</sup>“The LORD brings death and makes alive;  
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sends poverty and wealth;  
he humbles and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
he seats them with princes  
and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’S;  
on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,  
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;  
<sup>10</sup> those who oppose the LORD will be broken.

The Most High will thunder from heaven;  
the LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Then follows*

V.    Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
R.    For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.  
V.    Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
R.    Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People* **And let our cry come to you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one of the following Collects*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*All repeat the Antiphon*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake  
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. *Amen.*