



**Evening Prayer
Wednesdays in Lent 2025**

OPENING

The assembly stands.

Behold, now is the accept- | able time;

now is the day | of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of | our salvation,

that the light of your face may | shine on us.

May your justice shine | like the sun;

and may the poor be | lifted up.

THANKSGIVING FOR 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 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

Psalm 141

¹O LORD, I call to you; come ¹ to me quickly;
hear my voice when I ¹ cry to you.

²**Let my prayer rise before ¹ you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the ¹ evening sacrifice.**

³Set a watch before my ¹ mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door ¹ of my lips.

⁴**Let not my heart incline to any ¹ evil thing.
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,
nor eat of ¹ their sweet foods.**

⁵Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head,
are not to ¹ be refused.

Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds ¹ of the wicked.

⁶**Let their rulers be thrown down up- ¹ on the stones,
that they may hear my words, for ¹ they are sweet.**

⁷Just as one who tills the earth ¹ breaks the rock,
so let their bones be scattered at the mouth ¹ of the grave.

⁸**But my eyes are turned to ¹ you, Lord GOD;
in you I take refuge; strip me not ¹ of my life.**

⁹Guard me from the trap that they have ¹ laid for me
and from the snares of ¹ evildoers.

¹⁰**Let the wicked fall into ¹ their own nets,
while I a- ¹ lone pass through.**

Silence

Psalm of the Week – Psalm 114

¹When Israel came ¹ out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people ¹ of strange speech,

²**Judah became God's ¹ sanctuary
and Israel ¹ his dominion.**

³The sea beheld ¹ it and fled;
Jordan turned ¹ and went back.

**⁴The mountains ¹ skipped like rams,
and the little hills ¹ like young sheep.**

⁵What ailed you, O sea, ¹ that you fled,
O Jordan, that ¹ you turned back,

**⁶you mountains, that you ¹ skipped like rams,
you little hills ¹ like young sheep?**

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence ¹ of the Lord,
at the presence of the ¹ God of Jacob,

**⁸who turned the hard rock into a ¹ pool of water
and flint-stone into a ¹ flowing spring.**

WORD

Reading

The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.

Luke 22:39-53

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. [⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who

had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways | by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.

PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or remains seated.

In peace, let us ^l pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us ^l 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 ^l pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us ^l 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 ^l 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 our Bishops, Kurt and Elizabeth, 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 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, 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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help 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
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 surpasses all understanding,
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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