

Evening Prayer

Today's Readings:

Psalm 103:13-18

Psalm 86:5-13

John 15:9-13

Good evening and welcome to evening prayer. Let's begin with a moment of silence:

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, open our lips.

A And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O O God, make speed to save us.

A O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

O Gladsome Light
O gladsome light of the holy glory
of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by joyful voices,
O Son of God, Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PSALM 61:1-5

- 1 Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
- 2 From the ends of the earth I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the foe.
- 4 I long to dwell in your tent forever
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.
- 5 For you, God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Psalm 86:5-13

- 5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, Lord;
listen to my cry for mercy.
- 7 When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
- 12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.
- 13 For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

Canticle

Magnificat

The Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded*
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on,*
all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me,*
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him,*
throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm;*
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,*
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

John 15:9-13

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

THE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

O The Lord be with you

A **And with your spirit.**

O Let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy

A **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

O For the day that is past, that worry and every anxious fear may be put away from us, and that Christ would be glorified in all we have done, let us pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

O That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful; that the angels of the Lord our God would encamp around us; and that our weary

souls may find their rest in Christ our Savior,
let us pray to the Lord.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

O Create in us clean hearts, O God;

A **And renew a right spirit within us.**

O Grant us your peace;

A **For only in you can we live in safety.**

O We pray for those in sickness, grief,
persecution, bondage, fear, or loneliness.

A **Lord, have mercy.**

O Let us offer our own prayers.

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Let us bless the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

O The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14