



EVENING PRAYER  
February 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

*We are at an inflection point in our nation. What do we as Christians do in days such as this? We remember, we pray, and we act. We have voices, we have agency, we have community. We have the Risen Christ among us, the One who was unjustly arrested, tried, and sentenced to death, yet also the One whom death did not defeat. The One whose courageous example offers us a pattern and a practice and, above all, hope.*

∞ The Invitatory and Psalter

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant*      Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.

*People*           O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Hymn, *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

BLUE HYMNAL 609

∞ Psalm 120

*The congregation may be seated. Read in unison.*

In my distress I cry to You,  
    that you may come quickly to comfort me;  
Be strong in me, that I might  
    face the darkness,  
    the despair that rises up from the depths.

I am bowed down with remorse:  
    for my inappropriate choices,  
    forgive me, O Healer.

For all my betrayals of others and  
    to my own soul,  
    forgive me, O Healer.

Bless my tears that flow like a  
    stream running to meet  
    the Living Waters of your Love.

Too long have I lived by my ego,  
    my desires blinding me to your Love.

I yearn to live in peace; come quickly!  
    Strengthen me as I face the illusions within!

∞ The Magnificat

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∞ Psalm 87

*Read in unison.*

**In the heavenly realm stands the City of Lights:  
the Beloved welcomes all who come to its gate,  
all who have surrendered themselves to Love.**

Glories await you within the citadel,  
within the city of Light.

Among those who enter are the humble and kind,  
those who reflect peace and radiate integrity,  
those who have faced darkness with Love by their side.

Prepare yourselves for the City of Light  
all you who hear;  
for the Most High reigns there in glory.

Your name is written in the holy register;  
when you face the Recorder,  
who will blush with regret, and  
who will join the heavenly chorus?

Those who live by the Spirit of Love  
will know joy and harmony  
in the everlasting Dance of the Cosmos!

*- From Psalms for Praying, An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill*

∞ A Reading from the Prophet, Isaiah

**T**he spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    Thanks be to God.

∞ Words from The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, Bishop of Minnesota

The greatest danger we face right now is not the very real threat to our safety. It's not even the erosion of democracy. The greatest threat we face as a nation is the assault being waged on hope. We must not give in to despair. We must not be consumed by the very justified anger we feel. The only way hatred can be effectively resisted is doubling down on love. The only way darkness can be defeated is light. The only way the forces of death can be overcome is by embracing, every moment of every day, God's unstoppable life.

∞ Reflection by The Rt. Rev. Shannon Duckworth, Bishop of Louisiana

*A time of silence will be kept.*

**The Nunc Dimittis**

SUNG BY THE TRINITY CHOIR

**Hymn, O Holy City, Seen of John**

BLUE HYMNAL 583

*Please stand as you are able.*

∞ The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant*      And now let us pray together the prayer our Savior has taught us,

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.

## ∞ The Prayers of the People

*Officiant* For the people of the earth, that where there is strife and division, the gift of peace may be the reward of all who work for justice, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For the church of Jesus Christ, that where there is weakness health may be restored, and where there is division unity may be nourished, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For all leaders in the church, that where there is jealousy or distrust, a spirit of forgiveness and compassion may nurture humble service, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For all who are called to preach the gospel, that in the presence of fear and anxiety, the message of hope may be proclaimed courageously and effectively, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For our community and our families, that where there is misunderstanding or discord, we may receive the grace to forgive each other and so rejoice in the peace of Christ, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For leaders, lawmakers, and law enforcement in our city, our state, and our country, that they would practice mercy over judgement, and restore justice with honor, let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* We also pray for those persons who have lost their lives in recent government enforcement actions: Alex Pretti, Renee Good, Parady La, Heber Sanchaz Domínguez, Victor Manuel Diaz, Luis Gustavo Nunez Caceres, Luis Beltran Yanez-Cruz, Geraldo Lunas Campos, Francesco Cerrata Cabrera, and others you would name.

*At this time you're invited to come forward and light a candle, offering a light of hope in the darkness.*

*People* Let us pray,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* We pray for all those in our midst who are currently seeking asylum especially, Lillith Gonzalez, and others you would name.

*People* **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* We pray for children and families who have been separated or detained in detention facilities.

*People* **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* We pray for all people and agencies who offer the hope of friendship and belonging, legal services and translation, and food and comfort to those who are lonely, hungry or afraid. Together let us pray,

*People* **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help. For you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

## ∞ The Sacrament of Anointing

*Officiant* Savior of the world,  
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

*People* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

*The congregation may be seated. Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Anointing may come forward.*

*Officiant* As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ∞ Closing Collect

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.**

## ∞ Blessing

The world now is too dangerous  
and too beautiful for anything but love.  
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.  
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.  
May your hands be so blessed  
that everything you touch is a sacrament.  
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.  
May your feet be so blessed you run  
to those who need you.  
And may your heart be so opened,  
so set on fire, that your love,  
your love, changes everything.

- *A Black Rock Prayer Book, written by the Rev. Brian Baker*

**Closing Hymn, Surely It Is God Who Saves Me**

GREEN SONGBOOK 81

## ∞ The Dismissal

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Your offering this evening will be shared between the Bishop's Fund and Trinity's Migrant Ministry efforts to offer support to families affected by the ongoing crisis. Offering baskets are in the narthex. Please be generous.*

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Maria Elliott, Oboist  
The Trinity Choir

*The icon on the front of this bulletin is "In the Rubble" from the hand of Kelly Latimore.*

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