**Evening Prayer**

*Officiant:*

The stars declare the glory of God.  
**The night is on fire with the holy.**

Holy One, as the day turns toward evening, and the lamps are lit at dusk, bring us to the conclusion of our busy days by your grace, and turn us toward our rest.

Read or sing: (to the tune of “All Through the Night”)

*Day is done, but love unfailing  
Dwells ever here;  
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,  
Calms every fear.  
Great Creator, none forsaking,  
Take our hearts, of Love’s own making,  
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,  
Be always near.*

**Reading:**

*The Officiant will read the day’s Epistle.*

**Meditation**

**Response:** *In unison*

*Light of the world in grace and beauty  
Mirror of God’s eternal face,  
Transparent flame of love’s free duty,  
You bring salvation to our race.  
Now as we see the lights of evening,  
We raise our voice in hymns of praise:  
Worthy are you of endless blessings,  
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.*

**Examen and Confession**

Where did you find hope today?

When was it difficult to feel hopeful?
How did you treat others today?

What will you do better tomorrow?

Holy One,
For the moments when we have let fear guide our actions,
We ask your forgiveness;
For our lack of imagination and passivity,
We ask for your energizing love;
For our sense of helplessness,
We ask for your strength to grant us courage.

Gracious God remind us tonight of the abundant life that you desire for all of us, and help us to choose it daily, in our words, in our actions, in our prayers, and in our hope. Amen.

Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray. Amen.

Now go in peace into the soft night.
Take peace with you;
Share peace among you;
Work and pray and live for peace.
May the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.