

Lutheran Evening Prayer (LBW p. 142)

Service of Light

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness,
and illumine your Church.

Opening Hymn

Joyous light of glory:

Of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

The thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who let your people
Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night:

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may His Word be a lamp
to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your
whole creation, and we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Psalmody:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. **(I)** O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. **(II)** Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. **(I)** Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. **(II)** Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. **(I)** But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life. **(II)** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **(I)** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. **(C)** Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen

Hymn

First Lesson: Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm: Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

But now in these days he has spoken to us by his Son.

The Gospel Cantic

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations
will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown strength
of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good
things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant
Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our
Fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.

Amen

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Sprit, bless . . and preserve you.

Amen