

EVENING PRAYER

Opening

Dear Lord, you created us & you know us. We are your children. For the joys & blessings of this day, for our Lord Jesus Christ who brings light to the world - we give you thanks.

Confession

The darkness in our world brings us grief and our sins weigh heavily upon us. We come to you Lord Jesus Christ to lay down our burdens & confess our sins.

Gracious God, in our pride & weakness we failed your desire for us this day. By our own fault, we sinned against you and our neighbor. Relieve us of these burdens and for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us.

silence for confession

By the mercy of God, we are united with Jesus Christ, & in him we are forgiven. For by grace, you are saved. We rest in His peace & rise in the morning to serve the Lord. Amen.

Entering Rest

Behold, now is the acceptable time, now is the day of Salvation. Lord, turn us toward your Word so that our lives may reflect your light. Make your justice shine in our midst, lift the poor & all marginalized peoples. We call to you, dear Lord; please help us.

Scripture / Reflection / Prayer

Turn to the scripture reading, reflection, and prayer for this day

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Let us pray to the Lord...

For the peace from above, & for our salvation, ...

For the peace & unity throughout the world, for the well being of the church of God...

For St. Paul congregation & all who offer here their worship and praise, ...

For the health of creation, for abundant harvests to share, & for peace among peoples...

For public servants, government officials, & for those who protect us...

For all who work in every place for peace, justice, healing, & protection...

For those who are sick & suffering, & for those who are in captivity...

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger & need...

Give voice to personal prayers

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out in good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Guide us waking, O Lord, & guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. Amen.