

VESPERS

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



PSALMODY

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
Who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the LORD.

May the LORD, maker of heaven and earth,
Bless you from Zion. *Psalm 134*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come into His presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is He that made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

And His faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100*

**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.**

Silence for meditation.

LESSON

A time of silence follows the reading. The leader then continues:

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

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

EASTER VERSES

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity,
Envy, and all slander.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,

So that by it you may grow into salvation

If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to Him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals

Yet chosen and precious in God's sight,

And like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,

To be a holy priesthood,



To offer spiritual sacrifices

Acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,**

In order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him

Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:1-5,9



PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYERS

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.
To you, O Lord.


O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



BENEDICTION

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

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **Amen**

