

DIALOGUE

The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle may take central place.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

and may the poor be lifted up.

HYMN OF LIGHT

Other candles may be lighted as the assembly says or sings ELW 229:

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The leader and the assembly give thanks, using the following or another appropriate form.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you called light into being,

and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALMODY

The assembly is seated. The psalmody begins with Psalm 141:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,

and guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge.

Strip me not of my life.

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.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The psalmody will continue with an additional psalm, spoken responsively.

READINGS

The assembly is seated. The service includes a scripture reading, followed by a second reading or a reflection by a leader.

After a silence, the leader continues:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The assembly stands for the Gospel Canticle and the prayers.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,

to remember the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears,

to Abraham and his children forever.

PRAYERS

Prayers appropriate to the day are said, ending with:

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins,

where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your

hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let

your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

(The service continues)

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.

BLESSING

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

Almighty God, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

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Evening Prayer

Lent