

Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Psalm(s)

Psalm 141

1

I call upon thee, O Lord; make haste to me!

Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!

2

Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee,

and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!

3

Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord,

keep watch over the door of my lips!

4

Incline not my heart to any evil,

to busy myself with wicked deeds

in company with men who work iniquity;

and let me not eat of their dainties!

5

Let a good man strike or rebuke me in kindness,

but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head;

for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

6

When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,
then they shall learn that the word of the Lord is true.

7

As a rock which one cleaves and shatters on the land,
so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.

8

But my eyes are toward thee, O Lord God;
in thee I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

9

Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me,
and from the snares of evildoers!

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Let the wicked together fall into their own nets,
while I escape.

Psalm 121

1

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?

2

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

3

He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4

Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade
on your right hand.

6

The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.

7

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

8

The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.

Psalm 100

1

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

2

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

3

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.

4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

5

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Reading(s)

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

Luke 1:46-55

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And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,

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and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48

for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;

49

for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

50

And his mercy is on those who fear him
from generation to generation.

51

He has shown strength with his arm,
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

52

he has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted those of low degree;

53

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

54

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

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as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.”

Intercessory Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *name(s)*, for our *pastor/pastors* in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our 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 work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all 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.

Alleluia.

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

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.

Collect for Peace

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

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.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.