



EVENING PRAYER

VESPERS

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ⓑ Bishop Ⓒ All

Words of welcome

Dialog

ⓑ Behold, now is the acceptable time;

Ⓒ **now is the day of salvation.**

ⓑ Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

Ⓒ **that the brightness of your face may shine on us.**

ⓑ May your justice shine like the sun;

Ⓒ **and may the poor be lifted up.**

Hymn of Light

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

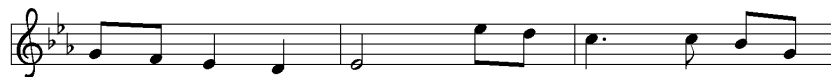
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1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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Thanksgiving for Light

ⓑ 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 night by the brightness of 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

Psalm 36:5-11

ⓑ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

ⓒ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the
great deep;**

you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

ⓑ How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

ⓒ **They feast upon the abundance of your house;**

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

ⓑ For with you is the well of life,

and in your light we see light.

**☩ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

☩ Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

☩ Let us pray. Eternal God, you satisfy our hunger with your abundant feast, and you quench our thirst from your well of life. By the gift of baptism bathe us in your light, that we may act wisely and do what is good for all humankind, for the animals with whom we share the earth, and for your whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

Reading

Mark 8:31-38

☩ A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark:

☩ Then [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

☩ Word of God, Word of Life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Responsory

- ⓑ 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.**

Hymn

Lord, Be Glorified

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1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

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LITANY & 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 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, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☒ For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☒ For Elizabeth our bishop, for all pastors and deacons, and all servants of the church, for all those who gather from across our synod and church, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☒ For the concerns that are lifted up now, across this church, and share aloud, in silence or on social media using the hashtag #demdprays,

let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

☒ Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

☑ **To you, O Lord.**

ⓑ O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with 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.**

ⓑ Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

ⓑ 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.**

Lord's Prayer

ⓑ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Ⓒ **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

☒ Let us bless the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

☒ The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

☑ Amen.

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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