

PRAYER(S)

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

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.**

EVENING PRAYER (*VESPERS*)

ADAPTED FROM
THE LUTHERAN
BOOK OF WORSHIP



OPENING

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.

PSALM 114:1-4a, 8

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice.**

¹**O LORD, I call to you; come | to me quickly;*
hear my voice when I | cry to you.**
²**Let my prayer rise before | you as incense,*
the lifting up of my hands as the | evening sacrifice.**
³**Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door | of my lips;*
let not my heart incline to any | evil thing.**
^{4a}**Let me not be occupied
in wickedness with | evildoers,***
⁸**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.**

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSON(S)

The *First/Second* Lesson is from the ____ chapter of ____.
Here ends the reading.

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.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in ev'ry generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.**

**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.**