



Messiah
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEW BERLIN, PA



EVENING PRAYER

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Gather around a sacred space in your home.
Have an unlit candle and lighter or matches handy.

"One" means one person of those gathered says the line. It can be different each time.

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DIALOGUE

As the dialogue is said, light your candle.

One: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Death has no more dominion over us.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

EVENING HYMN

ALL PRAISE TO THEE MY GOD THIS NIGHT

Sing or read the Evening Hymn with **Alicia Saxon OR VIRTUAL CHOIR**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is marked with four phrases: 1*, 2, 3, and 4. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The second system continues the melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
praise God a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

READING

EXODUS 24:1-11

¹Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. ²Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "See the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM

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Read the psalm aloud, in unison or responsively.

¹Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

²Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the LORD.

³May the LORD, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Silence for reflection.

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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HYMN

LISTEN TO YOUR SAVIOR CALL

Sing or read aloud the hymn with Audrey Bingaman, Donna Sauers, and Shirley Wilhelm.

1 Lis - ten to your Sav - ior call, "Do you love me most of all?"
2 "I de - liv - ered you when bound, and, when bleed - ing, healed your wound.
3 "Mine is an un - chang - ing love, high - er than the heights a - bove,
4 O my Sav - ior, hear my need: though my love is faint in - deed,

Je - sus speaks, and speaks to you: "Love me as I first loved you."
Sought you wan - dering, set you right, for your path - way gave you light."
Deep - er than the depths be - neath, free and faith - ful, strong as death."
Still I love you and a - dore— oh, for grace to love you more!

William Cowper was trained as a barrister. He suffered from severe depression, but during a time of wellness he wrote this hymn based on John 21:15—a dialogue between Jesus and the individual.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.
French melody, early 13th century
Arr. Richard Redhead, 1853

PRAYERS

If you are praying without the video, consider changing the leader each petition.

One: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: 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 all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great
and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

A time of silence follows.

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.

Then one or more of the following:

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.

OR

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 Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.
Amen.

OR

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 LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

One: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

All may share a sign of God's peace.

