



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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines of lyrics. The lyrics are: 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

PROVERBS 3:13-18

¹³Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM

102:1-17

Read the psalm aloud, in unison or responsively.

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you.
²Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call.
³For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
⁴My heart is stricken and withered like grass;
I am too wasted to eat my bread.
⁵Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my skin.
⁶I am like an owl of the wilderness,
like a little owl of the waste places.
⁷I lie awake;
I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.
⁸All day long my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
⁹For I eat ashes like bread,
and mingle tears with my drink,
¹⁰because of your indignation and anger;
for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.
¹¹My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
¹²But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.

¹³You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.

¹⁴For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.

¹⁵The nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

¹⁶For the LORD will build up Zion;
he will appear in his glory.

¹⁷He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.

Silence for reflection.

GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-38

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

HYMN

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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.

