



Messiah
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 the Virtual Choir

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Praise to Thee My God This Night'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has four measures, each with a number above it: 1*, 2, 3, and 4. The lyrics for these measures 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; The bass staff provides accompaniment for these measures. The second system also has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the lyrics: 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. The bass staff provides accompaniment for these lyrics.

* May be sung in canon.

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

READING

1 KINGS 8:54-65

⁵⁴Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the LORD, he arose from facing the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven; ⁵⁵he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice:

⁵⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, ⁵⁸but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. ⁵⁹Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; ⁶⁰so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. ⁶¹Therefore devote yourselves completely to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

⁶²Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. ⁶³Solomon offered as sacrifices of well-being to the LORD twenty- two thousand oxen and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. ⁶⁴The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offerings and the grain offerings and the fat pieces of the sacrifices of well-being, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offerings and the grain offerings and the fat pieces of the sacrifices of well-being.

⁶⁵So Solomon held the festival at that time, and all Israel with him – a great assembly, people from Lebo-hamath to the Wadi of Egypt – before the LORD our God, seven days.

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.

- ¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- ²The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.
- ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.
- ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.
- ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD;
they called upon you, and you answered them,
- ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Silence for reflection.

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:31-36

³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

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HYMN

THIS IS THE DAY—NCH 84

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

MORNING

This Is the Day

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

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Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

Unison

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY. Ir. Les Garrett, 1967

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.

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