

# ELW Evening Prayer



*Philippians 4<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

## **DIALOGUE**

God is our light and our salvation,  
**our refuge and our stronghold.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**we praise your name, O God.**

For with you is the fountain of life,  
**and in your light we see light.**

## **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 darkness by the light of your 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**

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

**O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

**Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.**

**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

**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.**

### **READINGS**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.**

**You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.  
You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

### **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 name/s and 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.**

*Other petitions may be added.*

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this coming night. Restore me with your right spirit. Calm my mind. Quiet my heart. Enfold me with your bountiful mercy. Protect me from all harm, that I sleep assured of the peace found in you alone. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who gives us rest.

Lord Jesus, as you stilled the wind and rough sea so long ago and brought calm to your terrified disciples, so care for me now and calm my heart. Rescue me from fear and grant me courage. Walk with me each step of the way and keep me in your unending care. You know me far better than I know myself. You have been with me from the beginning. You have made me your disciple. Assure me by your Spirit that you will hear my prayer, for you have promised to be with me always.

God of peace, the hours are long, the work is hard, the duties are complex, and the fears and anxieties are real. Enable me to lay in your hands the day that is past—the good I have been permitted to do, but also my worries and feelings of uncertainty. As I take a deep breath of gratitude for your constant mercy and love, allow me to sleep in peace, trusting in your unfailing care. Let my sleep be a confession of confidence in your love, which you have shown in Jesus Christ my Savior.

Merciful God, in the stillness of my soul I listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet my restless heart with the knowledge that you are near me, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle my faith and light the lamp of hope within my heart. Then take me by the hand into each day that lies ahead, for where you lead I can confidently go with Jesus Christ my Lord.

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

**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 name/s and 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.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**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.**

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.