



*ELW  
Evening  
Prayer*

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# ELW Evening Prayer

## Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### DIALOGUE

Behold, now is the accept- | able time;  
**now is the day | of salvation.**  
Turn us again, O God of | our salvation,  
**that the light of your face may | shine on us.**  
May your justice shine | like the sun;  
**and may the poor be | lifted up.**

### 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.**

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

**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.**

## **READING:**

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic—'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

*Mark 2:1-12*

## **SERMON: “IN COMMUNITY WITH ALL THE SAINTS”**

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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
**but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me bless'd:  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
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.  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
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 Saviour.**

## **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 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.**

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.**

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 Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Amen**