

Evening Prayer

Begin with this while making the sign of the cross:

Lord, + open my lips. – And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

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.

1 Peter 2:21-24

Antiphon: He was pierced for our offenses and burdened with our sins. By his wounds we are healed.

Christ suffered for you,
and left you an example
to have you follow in his footsteps.

He did no wrong;
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted,
he returned no insult.

When he was made to suffer,
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up
to the One who judges justly.

In his own body
he brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord with God's will.
By his wounds you were healed.

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.

Silent Prayer

Take a minute or two of silence for prayer, using the above psalm as a starting point.

Psalm Prayer

Almighty God, ever-living mystery of unity and trinity, you gave life to the new Israel by birth from water and the Spirit, and made it a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart as your eternal possession. May all those you have called to walk in the splendor of the

new light render you fitting service and adoration.

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Scripture Reading - Acts 13:26-30

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read Sabbath after Sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

Intercessions

- God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people, may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

- Bless all doctors, nurses, and other caregivers; that they may be guided by wisdom, strength, skill, and generosity. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

- Gracious Father, strengthen Pope Francis, all bishops, priests, and deacons; that your Spirit may guide them throughout these difficult times Lord. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father. . .

Closing Prayer

By your help,
we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly
in that same charity with which,
out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.