

Evening Prayer

Begin with this while making the sign of the cross:

God, + come to my assistance.
– Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Canticle: Colossians 1:12-20

Antiphon: I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Let us give thanks to the Father
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints
in light.

He rescued us
from the power of darkness
and brought us
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church!
he who is the beginning,
the first-born of the dead,
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his
person,
both on earth and in the heavens,
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

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

Antiphon: I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Scripture Reading - 1 John 1:1-3

This is what we proclaim to you:
what was from the beginning,
what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes,
what we looked upon
and our hands have touched—
we speak of the word of life.
(This life became visible;
we have seen it and bear witness to it
and proclaim to you the eternal life
that was with the Father
and became visible to us.)
What we have seen and heard
we proclaim in turn to you
so that you may share life with us.
This fellowship of ours is with the Father
and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Intercessions

- Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and your Word came to dwell among us, touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

- God of compassion and healing, watch over those who are ill and their caregivers, especially COVID-19 patients, may they be granted your strength. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

- You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with your gifts, raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen the dying. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father . . .

Concluding Prayer

God our Father,
your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.
May we become more like Jesus Christ,
whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.