

## 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.

### **Psalm 138**

**Antiphon:** In the presence of the angels I will sing to you, my God.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

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**

Listen to the prayers of your Church, Lord God. In the presence of the angels we praise your name. You keep the proud at a distance and look upon the lowly with favor. Stretch out your hand to us in our suffering. Perfect in us the work of your love and bring us to life.

**Antiphon:** In the presence of the angels I will sing to you, my God.

### **Scripture Reading - James 2:14, 17, 18b**

My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has it? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless. Show me faith without works, and I will show you the faith that underlies my works!

### **Intercessions**

- 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 God, shed light upon those caring for the sick, especially those sick with the COVID-19 virus; strengthen them with your Spirit, that they may work to bring others to full health. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

- Bless our family and friends who care for the sick; that they may be strengthened to continue their service with love. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

**The Lord's Prayer** Our Father. . .

### **Closing Prayer**

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen