

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: His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth, alleluia.

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.

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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: His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth, alleluia.

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 7:24-27

Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he forever lives to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

Intercessions

- God of our fathers, you raised your Son Jesus from the dead and clothed him in glory; move our hearts to complete repentance, that we may walk in newness of life. *(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 have led us back to the shepherd and bishop of our souls, keep us faithful under the guidance of the shepherds of the Church. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father . . .

Concluding Prayer

Lord,
as we celebrate your Son's resurrection,
so may we rejoice with all the saints
when he returns in glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.