

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. Alleluia.

Psalm 126

Antiphon: Your sorrow will be turned into joy, alleluia.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: “What marvels the Lord worked for them!”
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

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

Lord, you have raised us from the earth; may you let the seeds of justice, which we have sown in tears, grow and increase in your sight. May we reap in joy the harvest we hope for patiently.

Antiphon: Your sorrow will be turned into joy, alleluia.

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:9b-10

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him. Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit. The Spirit scrutinizes all matters, even the deep things of God.

Intercessions

- All-holy Father, you said of Christ: This is my beloved Son, hear him, grant that all may hear his voice and be saved. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)
- Send your Spirit into the hearts of your faithful people, as cleansing water and refreshing rain. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)
- We commend to your care all who have died and ask you to strengthen our hope in the resurrection to come. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father. . .

Closing Prayer

Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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.