

## 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 49:2-13**

**Antiphon:** You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Hear this, all you peoples,  
give heed, all who dwell in the world,  
men both low and high,  
rich and poor alike!

My lips will speak words of wisdom.  
My heart is full of insight.  
I will turn my mind to a parable,  
with the harp I will solve my problem.

Why should I fear in evil days  
the malice of the foes who surround me,  
men who trust in their wealth,  
and boast of the vastness of their riches?

For no man can buy his own ransom,  
or pay a price to God for his life.  
The ransom of his soul is beyond him.  
He cannot buy life without end,  
nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both perish  
and leave their wealth to others.  
Their graves are their homes for ever,  
their dwelling place from age to age,  
though their names spread wide through the land.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:  
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

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Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

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

### **Psalm Prayer**

Make our mouths speak your wisdom, Lord Jesus, and help us to remember that you became man and redeemed us from death that we might merit the beauty of your light.

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### **Scripture Reading - Romans 3:23-25a**

All men have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. All men are now undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. Through his blood, God made him the means of expiation for all who believe. He did so to manifest his own justice.

### **Intercessions**

- Eternal shepherd, protect our bishop, and all the shepherds of your Church. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*
- Enlighten all legislators, to enact laws in the spirit of wisdom and justice. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*
- Come to the aid of our departed brothers and sisters, whom you have redeemed with your blood, make them worthy to enter your wedding feast. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*

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

### **Closing Prayer**

Father,  
yours is the morning  
and yours is the evening.  
Let the Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ,  
shine for ever in our hearts  
and draw us to that light  
where you live in radiant glory.  
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.