

Evening Prayer

Saturday - Vigil of the Lord's Day



INTRODUCTION (please stand)

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: – Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: – as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

SONG

PSALMODY (please sit)

Leader: Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

Psalm 141:1-9 A prayer when in danger

I have called to you, Lord; hasten to help me! *

Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer arise before you like incense, *
the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.

Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; *
keep watch at the door of my lips!
Do not turn my heart to things that are wrong, *
to evil deeds with men who are sinners.

Never allow me to share in their feasting. *
If a good man strikes or reproves me it is kindness;
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head. *
Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

Their princes were thrown down by the side of the rock: *
then they understood that my words were kind.
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground, *
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned: *
in you I take refuge; spare my soul!
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe: *
keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

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.

All: Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

Leader: You are my refuge, Lord; you are all that I desire in life.

Psalm 142 You, Lord, are my refuge

With all my voice I cry to the Lord, *
with all my voice I entreat the Lord.
I pour out my trouble before him; *
I tell him all my distress
while my spirit faints within me. *
But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk *
they have hidden a snare to entrap me.
Look on my right and see: *
there is not one who takes my part.
I have no means of escape, *
not one who cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord. †
I have said: "You are my refuge, *
all I have left in the land of the living."
Listen then to my cry *
for I am in the depths of distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me *
for they are stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of this prison *
and then I shall praise your name.
Around me the just will assemble *
because of your goodness to 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.

All: You are my refuge, Lord; you are all that I desire in life.

Leader: The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him for ever.

Canticle: Philippians 2:6-11 Christ, God's holy servant

Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!
Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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.

All: The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him for ever.

READING Romans 11:33-36

How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable his judgments, how unsearchable his ways! For "who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has given him anything so as to deserve return?" For from him and through him and for him all things are. To him be glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSORY

Leader: Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.
All: – Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

Leader: We praise the wisdom which wrought them all,
All: – as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: – Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

GOSPEL CANTICLE (please stand)

Leader: Well done, my good and faithful servant, you have been trustworthy in small things. Now share your master's joy.

(all together in unison:)

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

All: Well done, my good and faithful servant, you have been trustworthy in small things. Now share your master's joy.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: We give glory to the one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and in our weakness we pray:

Leader: Holy Lord, Father all-powerful, let justice spring up on the earth,
All: — then your people will dwell in the beauty of peace.

Leader: Let every nation come into your kingdom,
All: — so that all peoples will be saved.

Leader: Let married couples live in your peace,
All: – and grow in mutual love.

Leader: Reward all who have done good to us, Lord,
All: – and grant them eternal life.

Leader: Look with compassion on victims of hatred and war,
All: – grant them heavenly peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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.

All: – Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
All: – Amen.