



Evening Prayer: Wednesday of Epiphany Week 3
January 25, 2023

(Leader: Before we begin, are there names to add to the prayer list?)

Opening

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: The light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Stay with us Lord, for it is evening.

All: And the day is almost over.

Leader: Let the light scatter the darkness.

All: And illumine your church.

Psalm Reading Psalm 27:7-14

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

13 I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Psalm Response

Leader: Sing for joy, God's chosen ones.

All: Give him the praise that is due.

Second Reading Luke 1:67-79

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

72 to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

79 to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world".

All: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Gospel Cantic (all but Leader and Reader should mute their audio)

Leader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

Reader and All: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: For you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

R/A: From whom this day all generations will call me blessed.

L: You, the Almighty, have done great things for me,

R/A: And holy is your name.

L: You have mercy on those who fear you.

R/A: From generation to generation.

L: You have shown strength with your arm

R/A: And scattered the proud in their conceit,

L: Casting down the mighty from their thrones

R/A: And lifting up the lowly.

L: You have filled the hungry with good things

R/A: And sent the rich away empty.

L: You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,

R/A: To remember your promise of mercy,

L: The promise made to our forebears,

R/A: To Abraham and his children forever.

Prayers

Leader: Let us take a minute to prepare ourselves for this part of our time together.

(Allow a time of silence, then say: "I will begin with my own prayer. We will each conclude our own prayer with "Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer".)

Leader: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously protect us tonight. For into your hands, we commend ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us pray (all but the leader should mute their audio)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

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