

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday evenings in November • 7 PM

*Please gather with lights dimmed;
have candles and candlelighter at the ready*

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Psalm 139:10-11

Officiant Let us pray together.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please light candles now and other candles and lamps near you as able
During the candle-lighting, all sing the following*

Theme I, women's voices

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion:

Theme II, men's voices

in God I trust, in God I trust.

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THE INCENSE RITE

Officiant Let our prayers be set forth in God's sight as incense,
and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. **Amen.**

*Incense is offered, representing our prayers and praises
rising up toward heaven*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may kneel as able; a period of silence is kept

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you,
✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The People may stand as able

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Together **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Psalm appointed for Evening Prayer is offered
Psalm text will be displayed in the virtual gathering
The Psalm concludes as follows*

Together **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A LESSON

A lesson exploring themes of Peace or Reconciliation is offered

QUIET MEDITATION

*In place of a sermon, you are invited to meditate quietly for 4 minutes;
The singing bowl will sound at the beginning and end of the meditation*

A COLLECT TO CONCLUDE OUR MEDITATION

Together **O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES *The People may kneel as able*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

For you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Let us now pray for the needs and concerns of those gathered.

Please add your own petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings either silently or by offering names in Zoom or Facebook chat; note that what you offer in Facebook chat is not anonymous; what you offer in Zoom chat can only be seen by Jason and Katherine

Officiant As we entrust our petitions and thanksgivings to God, let us pray:

Together **O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HEALING PRAYERS

Officiant I invite you to light a candle at home as a sign of your prayers to God. You may kneel in prayer, or request healing prayers through Zoom or Facebook chat.

Note that what you offer in Facebook chat is not anonymous; what you offer in Zoom chat can only be seen by Jason and Katherine

All sing the following chant as able



My spi-rit is long-ing for you, O God; my spi-rit is wait-ing in hope.



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A COLLECT TO CONCLUDE HEALING PRAYERS

Officiant Let us pray.

People **Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS & DISMISSAL

The People may stand as able

Officiant Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
Together **that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israël.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; *
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Officiant The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant I invite you to remain in prayer and meditation for a time.
As you leave, please observe silence for those who remain.