

Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace

L: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts maybe set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

The following abbreviations are used:

L: = Liturgist, leading the prayer

C: = Congregation.

EVENING PRAYER ORDER (VESPERS)

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INTRODUCTION

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me,

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C: Praise to You, O Christ! Alleluia!

PSALMODY

Psalm 18:1-6

L: I love you, | O LORD, my strength,

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my | deliverer,

C: my God, my rock, in whom | I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salva | tion, my stronghold.

L: I call upon the LORD, who is wor | thy to be praised,

and I am saved from | my enemies.

C: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruc | tion assailed me;

the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death | confronted me.

L: In my distress I called | upon the LORD;

to my God | I cried for help.

C: From his temple | He heard my voice,

and my cry to | Him reached His ears.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit;

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

Hymn Lord, take my hand

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way.
Direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray.
So take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Romans 9:30-10:4

Luke 19:41-48

After each reading:

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us!

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORY

L: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon

CANTICLE

L: Let my prayer rise before You as incense!

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Ps 141:2

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

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L: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

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L: He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

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

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

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L: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be 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.

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

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PRAYER

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

L: O Lord, hear my prayer!

C: And let my cry come to You!

Ps 102:1