

Daily Devotions
An Order for Evening
Remembering Harriet Beecher Stowe

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Psalm 139

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.

The Prayer for Light

Let us pray

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The candles at the Altar are now lighted

Join me in saying the prayer for light

O Gracious Light

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

The Psalm for the Day

Join me in reading Psalm 130

**Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**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.**

Song of Praise (Hymn #533)



1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;



How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
 their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:



O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,



Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

The Prayers

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the witness of Harriett Beecher Stowe, whose fiction inspired thousands with compassion for the shame and sufferings of enslaved peoples, and who enriched her writings with the cadences of The Book of Common *Prayer*. Help us, like her, to strive for your justice, that our eyes may see the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, when he comes to reign with you and the Holy Spirit in reconciliation and peace, one God, now and always. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Join with me in the prayer that Jesus 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.

Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

I invite your prayers for ourselves and others.

Wisdom and strength for our leaders, both in the Church and in the World.

Healing for those who are sick.

Comfort for those who are in need or sorrow.

Protection for those who are in danger.

Presence for those who are lonely or afraid.

Welcome into the light of Christ for those who have died.

Thanksgiving for our blessings.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God.