

## Daily Devotions—An Order for Evening Remembering St. Columba

*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 from Psalm 97

**The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

**Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

**Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.**

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

**For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.**

**The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

**Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

**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 #482)**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Prayers**

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

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant Columba you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in Scotland: Grant, we pray, that, having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness to you by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.

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

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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**