

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
January 13, 2021

Welcome, Announcements, and Offering

Opening

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, hear our prayer.

C: **May our cry come unto You.**

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

C: **Whom shall I fear?**

P: The Lord defends my life:

C: **Whom shall I fear?**

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

C: **Whom shall I fear?**

Hymn of Light: "O Light Whose Splendor Thrills"

1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
with radiance brighter than the sun,
pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One:

2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,
and lamps are lit, and children nod,
in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Father, Spirit, Son, one God.

3 In all life's brilliant, timeless moments,
let faithful voices sing your praise,
O Son of God, our life-bestower,
whose glory lightens endless days.

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Psalm 91

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

³For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly plague.

⁴**God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.**

⁵You shall not fear any terror in the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
⁶**nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**
⁷A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸**You will only have to look with your eyes,
and you will see the reward of the wicked.**
⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Psalm of the Evening

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36

P: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **C: Come let us adore him**

¹Save me, O God,
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
²**I am sinking in deep mire, and there is no foothold.
I have come into deep waters, and the torrent washes over me.**
³I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is parched;
my eyes are worn out from looking for my God.
⁴**Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my
lying foes who would destroy me are mighty.
Must I then give back what I never stole?**
⁵O God, you know my foolishness,
and my faults are not hidden from you.
³⁰**I will praise your name, O God, in song;
I will proclaim your greatness with thanksgiving.**
³¹This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen,
more than young bulls with horns and hoofs.
³²**The afflicted shall see and be glad;
you who seek God, your heart shall live.**

³³For the LORD listens to the needy,
and does not despise the prisoners.

³⁴**Let the heavens and the earth praise God,
the seas and all that moves in them;**

³⁵for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;
they shall live there and have it as their possession.

³⁶**The children of God's servants will inherit it,
and those who love God's name will dwell therein.**

P: 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.

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Reflection & Practice

Gospel Canticle (The Song of Mary)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Prayers

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: 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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

C: We entreat you, O Lord.

P: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

C: We entreat you, O Lord.

P: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins,

C: We entreat you, O Lord.

P: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

C: We entreat you, O Lord

P: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

And not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

C: We entreat you, O Lord.

P: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [... and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

C: We entreat you, O Lord.

P: Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, and new possibilities. In your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Blessing & Sending

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**