

Evening Prayer
January 20th, 2026

God, + come to my assistance.
— Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

HYMN

**Creator, sov'reign Prince of time,
who set the hours in fixed array,
you mark the light of day for work
and grant us night for sleep and rest.**

**Direct our hearts and keep them chaste,
lest silence shrouded in the night
expose us to our jealous foe,
who pierces souls with fearful wounds.**

**May hearts be free of vain desire
and bear no torch of ire or lust,
lest flames that touch and rouse our sense
should sap the strength of mind and soul.**

**Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ, coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.**

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH, 8 8 8 8

Music: from the *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

or Mode I, melody 27; *Liber Hymnarius*, Solesmes, 1983*

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PSALMODY

Ant. 1 You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Psalm 49 Eemptiness of riches

It is difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:23).

Hear this, all you peoples, *
give heed, all who dwell in the world,
men both high and low, *
rich and poor alike!

My lips will speak words of wisdom. *
My heart is full of insight.
I will turn my mind to a parable, *
with the harp I will solve my problem.

Why should I fear in evil days *
the malice of the foes who surround me,
men who trust in their wealth, *
and boast of the vastness of their riches?

For no man can buy his own ransom, *
or pay a price to God for his life.
The ransom of his soul is beyond him. †
He cannot buy life without end, *
nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both perish *
and must leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes for ever, †
their dwelling place from age to age, *
though their names spread wide through the land.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom; *
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

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.

Ant. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Ant. 2 Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, says the Lord.
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This is the lot of those who trust in themselves, *
who have others at their beck and call.

Like sheep they are driven to the grave, †
where death shall be their shepherd *
and the just shall become their rulers.

With the morning their outward show vanishes *
and the grave becomes their home.
But God will ransom me from death *
and take my soul to himself.

Then do not fear when a man grows rich, *
when the glory of his house increases.
He takes nothing with him when he dies, *
his glory does not follow him below.

Though he flattered himself while he lived: *
“Men will praise me for all my success,”
yet he will go to join his fathers, *
and will never see the light any more.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom; *
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now. *
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Psalm Prayer

Make our mouths speak your wisdom, Lord Jesus, and help us to remember that you became man and redeemed us from death that we might merit the beauty of your light.

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Ant. 3

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Canticle: Revelation 4:11; 5-9, 10, 12 **Redemption hymn**

O Lord our God, you are worthy *
to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things; *
by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord *
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain; *
with your blood you purchased for God
men from every race and tongue, *
of every people and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, †
and priests to serve our God, *
and they shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain *
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength, *
honor and glory and praise.

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.

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READING

Romans 3:23-25a

All men have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. All men are now undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. Through his blood, God made him the means of expiation for all who believe. He did so to manifest his own justice.

RESPONSORY

I shall know the fullness of joy, when I see your face, O Lord.

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Fulfillment and endless peace in your presence,

— when I see your face, O Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL CANTICLE



1. My soul pro - claims the Lord my God. My spir - it
2. All na - tions now will share my joy; For gifts God
3. For those who fear the Ho - ly One, God's mer - cy
4. God fills the hun - gry with good things, And sends the
5. Then let all na - tions praise our God, The Fa - ther

1. sings God's praise, Who looks on me, and
2. has out - poured. This low - ly one has
3. will not die. Whose strong right arm puts
4. rich a - way; The prom - ise made to
5. and the Son, The Spir - it blest, who

1. lifts me up, That glad - ness fills my days.
2. been made great. I mag - ni - fy the Lord.
3. down the proud, And lifts the low - ly high.
4. A - bra - ham Is filled to end - less day.
5. lives in us, While end - less a - ges run.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us praise Christ, the shepherd and guardian of our souls, who loves and protects his people. Placing our hope in him, we cry out:
Protect your people, Lord.

Eternal shepherd, protect our bishop **N.**,
and all the shepherds of your Church.
Protect your people, Lord.

Look kindly on those who suffer persecution,
hasten to free them from all adversity.
Protect your people, Lord.

Have mercy on the needy, Lord,
provide food for the hungry.
Protect your people, Lord.

Enlighten all legislators,
to enact laws in the spirit of wisdom and justice.
Protect your people, Lord.

Come to the aid of our departed brothers and sisters, whom you have redeemed with your blood,
make them worthy to enter your wedding feast.
Protect your people, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
yours is the morning
and yours is the evening.
Let the Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ,
shine for ever in our hearts
and draw us to that light
where you live in radiant glory.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

The Lord be with you.

— And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

— Amen.

Another form of the blessing may be used, as at Mass.

Then he adds:

Go in peace.

— Thanks be to God.

