

EVENING PRAISE & PRAYER

Proclamation of the Light

You are encouraged to light an unadorned candle as the following words are spoken. If you are so inclined, you may also burn incense during this service. Since the fourth century of the early church, the burning of incense has served as a devotional sign of prayer (based on Psalm 141).

Light and peace in Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

We call upon you, O Lord;
come quickly to us;
give ear to our voice when we call to you.

Let our prayer be counted
as incense before you,
and the lifting up of our hands
as an evening sacrifice.

adapted from Psalm 141:1-2

The Doxology

adapted from No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Psalm 93

Common English Bible

The LORD rules!

He is robed in majesty—
the LORD is robed,
clothed with strength.

Yes, he set the world firmly in place;
it won't be shaken.

²Your throne is set firm for a very long time.
You are eternal!

³LORD, the floods have raised up—
the floods have raised up their voices;
the floods raise up a roar!

⁴But mightier than the sound of much water,
mightier than the sea's waves,
mighty on high is the LORD!

⁵Your laws are so faithful.

Holiness decorates your house, LORD, for all time.

Giving Thanks

Prayers of the People

You are encouraged to offer your voice to this time of prayer. After each petition, you may add your specific prayers of thanks and intercession. After each prayer, the pray-er should end with "Amen."

Together let us...

pray for our world.

pray for our community and
neighborhoods.

pray for our friends and family.

pray for ourselves.

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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. Amen.

Checking-in

Conclusion

Abide with us, O Christ,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you.

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.
Amen.

