

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 16

Common English Bible

Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord.

Apart from you, I have nothing good."

³ Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,
the "magnificent ones" that I was so happy
about;

⁴ let their suffering increase because
they hurried after a different god.

I won't participate in their blood offerings;

I won't let their names cross my lips.

⁵ You, LORD, are my portion, my cup;
you control my destiny.

⁶ The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;
yes, I have a lovely home.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.

⁸ I always put the LORD in front of me;
I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

⁹ That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is
joyous;

yes, my whole body will rest in safety

¹⁰ because you won't abandon my life to the
grave;

you won't let your faithful follower see the pit.
¹¹ You teach me the way of life.

In your presence is total celebration.

Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

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.

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.

