

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 116:1-4, 12-19

Common English Bible

I love the LORD because he hears
my requests for mercy.

² I'll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.

³ Death's ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.

⁴ So I called on the LORD's name:
"LORD, please save me!"

¹² What can I give back to the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹³ I'll lift up the cup of salvation.
I'll call on the LORD's name.

¹⁴ I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ The death of the LORD's faithful
is a costly loss in his eyes.

¹⁶ Oh yes, LORD, I am definitely your servant!
I am your servant and the son of your female
servant—

you've freed me from my chains.
¹⁷ So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,

and I'll call on the LORD's name.

¹⁸ I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ in the courtyards of the LORD's house,
which is in the center of Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

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.

