

Evening Prayer

20th July, 2022.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 119:97-104

Lord, how I love your law! All the day long it is my study.

Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

I am wiser than the aged, because I keep your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

I have not turned aside from your judgments, for you have been my teacher.

How sweet are your words on my tongue! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate all lying ways.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Opening prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

As our evening prayer rises like incense before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.

St. John 6:41-51

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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Prayers of intercession

Prayers may be offered:

for peace

for places of conflict

for individuals & their needs

for the mission of the Church worldwide

for all who work in food production and conservation

for all who work in education

for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, or the loss of a way of life

for the work of aid agencies throughout the world

for those living in poverty or under oppression

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

The Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.