

## **Evening Prayer Rite I**

I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

*Psalms 16:7,8*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have  
done, and we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou  
those who are penitent, according to thy promises  
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and  
grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may  
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the  
glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.

*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia!

## **O Gracious Light**     *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the world

## **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

## 112 *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;

they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## 113 *Laudate, pueri*

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on  
high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

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.

### **A Reading From the Book of Isaiah 59:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> Truth is lacking,  
and whoever turns from evil is despoiled.

The Lord saw it, and it displeased him  
that there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one,  
and was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so his own arm brought him victory,  
and his righteousness upheld him.

<sup>17</sup> He put on righteousness like a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and wrapped himself in fury as in a mantle.

<sup>18</sup> According to their deeds, so will he repay;  
wrath to his adversaries, requital to his enemies;  
to the coastlands he will render requital.

<sup>19</sup> So those in the west shall fear the name of the Lord,  
and those in the east, his glory;  
for he will come like a pent-up stream  
that the wind of the Lord drives on.

<sup>20</sup> And he will come to Zion as Redeemer,  
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the  
Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the  
Lord: my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I  
have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your  
mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of

the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord,  
from now on and for ever.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

### **The Song of Mary    *Magnificat*** *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
    the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
    all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
    and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
    throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant  
Israel, \*  
    as he promised to our forefathers,  
    Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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.

## **A Reading From the Revelation 2:8-17**

8 'And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:

9 'I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

12 'And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 'I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me\* even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. <sup>15</sup>So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on

the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

## **The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Song of Simeon**     *Nunc dimittis* *Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

## **A Reading from the Gospel According to John** **4:46-54**

46 Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 Then Jesus said to him, 'Unless you\* see signs and wonders you will not believe.' 49 The official said to him, 'Sir, come down before my little boy dies.' 50 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your son will live.' The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. 51 As he was going down, his slaves met him and



told him that his child was alive. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, 'Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.'

<sup>53</sup>The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, 'Your son will live.' So he himself believed, along with his whole household. <sup>54</sup>Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

## **The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People;* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant and People*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

### ***Collect of the Day***

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### ***Collect for Peace***

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Aid against Perils***

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Protection***

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the

night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### ***A Collect for the Presence of Christ***

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen*

### ***A Prayer for Mission***

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women every-where love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***A Prayer for the New Year*** ([jesuitresource.org](http://jesuitresource.org))

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.  
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always. *Amen*

### ***For Families***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them,

we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***A Prayer for the Departed***

Now let us pray for those we love but see no longer:

*Silence*

Remember thy servants, O Lord, according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***A Prayer attributed to St. Francis***

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

### ***For Quiet Confidence***

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***The General Thanksgiving***

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### ***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*