

# Evening Prayer

## Including Songs & Prayers from Taizé'

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Winchester, Virginia*

*Welcome to Evening Prayer of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester, Virginia. We welcome all who join us, whether you've worshiped with us before or are joining us for the first time on-line.*



### OPENING LITANY

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness  
**and illumine your church.**

### OPENING SONGS

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

### READINGS

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. (Isaiah 58:5-11)

*Silence*

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

SONG OF LIGHT

Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

A Reading from the Gospel of John:

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. (John 14:27)

SONG

The Lord is My Prayer / Song

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

*Silence*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord our God, as evening falls and the light disappears:

**receive our prayer....**

You look upon us with compassion:

**receive our prayer....**

You take upon yourself our burdens;

**fill us with your peace...**

In silence we are led to you;

**sustain us by your Word.....**

Your love is all we need;

**welcome us and all those you have entrusted to us...**

Kindle a new brightness in our night;

**may your light shine on us....**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace. We pray for all who suffer from injustice and violence because of racism or any group identity. We pray for the family of George Floyd, as they grieve, for all who fear for their safety and the safety of their loved ones. We pray for an end to violence on our streets. Help us to find a peaceful path to protecting all from harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you created us in your image, in all our diversity. Help us see your likeness in one another, and in all people. Console, heal, and nourish all in need, especially those we name now, spoken or silent..... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this time of a coronavirus pandemic, help us to remember that you accompany us always. We pray for those through whom you accompany us to give healing and care, especially those who work in hospitals, medical practices, hospice centers, continuing care communities, and first responders, law enforcement, fire and rescue. Give them rest and renewal they need in life and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your Love's sake. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen**

SONG

*In the Lord*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

## BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

**You alone, O God, make me secure.**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

**Amen**



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