

# Evening Prayer

*This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.*

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

How priceless is your love, O God!

Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

For with you is the well of life,

and in your light we see light. *Psalm 36:7, 9*

*Phos Hilaron*                      O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light,

pure brightness of the ever-living 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 praises to God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

You are 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 worlds.

*A Reading from Holy Scripture*

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2  
*Corinthians 4:5-6*

*or this*

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

*or this*

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." *Revelation 3:20*

*A period of silence may follow.*

*A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*The Collect*

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 you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## **At the Close of Day**

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. *Psalm 4:8*

*Psalm 134*

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

*A Reading from Holy Scripture*

*You keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on you, because they trust  
in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting  
rock. Isaiah 26:3-4*

*or this*

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole  
spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Thessalonians 5:23*

*A period of silence may follow.*

*Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*The Collect*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Concluding Sentence*

*The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. Amen.*