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## Order for Evening Worship.

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The Minister shall begin the Evening Worship by reading one or more of the following, or other, Sentences from Scripture.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phil. i. 2.*

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm cxli. 2.*

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal. i. 11.*

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *St. John iv. 23, 24.*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Psalm xcvi. 9.*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm*  
xix. 14.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt his name together. *Psalm*  
xxxiv. 3.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
To all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;

He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

*Psalm* cxlv. 18, 19.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm* cxxiv. 8.

Many there be that say, Who will show us any  
good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance  
upon us. *Psalm* iv. 6.

Give ear to my words, O Lord,

Consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and  
my God:

For unto thee do I pray. *Psalm* v. 1, 2.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the  
Lord. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will  
walk in his paths. *Isaiah* ii. 5, 3.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt  
not despise. *Psalm* li. 17.



Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *St. Matt. v. 6.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *St. John i. 8, 9.*

Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him. 2 *Cor. v. 21.*

In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *Eph. i. 7.*

Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need. *Heb. iv. 14-16.*

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. *St. Luke xi. 13.*

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. *St. Luke xi. 9.*

If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. *Col. iii. 1.*

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. *Rom. viii. 14, 15.*

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely. *Rev. xxii. 17.*

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,  
And the light about me shall be night;  
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,  
But the night shineth as the day. *Psalms cxxxix. 11, 12.*

And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them. And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. *St. Luke xxiv. 29-31.*

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness. *St. John xii. 46.*

Then this Prayer, the Minister first saying.

**Let Us Pray.**

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of each of these Prayers, let the Congregation say, *Amen.*

Or this Prayer.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

**O**ALMIGHTY God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*