

An Order for Evening
20 March 2020 7 PM

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; **His mercy endures for ever.**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. *1John 1:5-7*

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 your praises, O God: Father, Son,
and 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.**

Psalm 95

- ¹ **O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- ² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- ³ **For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**
- ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- ⁵ **The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**
- ⁶ **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- ⁷ **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,**

and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.'
¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
'They shall not enter my rest.'

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:47-56

When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, or they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.