



Midweek Lenten Service  
March 16, 2022 — 7:00 pm Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3

Evening Prayer (Vespers)

This is an ancient order of service at the close of the day.

It's themes are light, repentance, and recollection, quiet waiting for the Lord, meditation on the scriptures and intercessory prayer.

Service of Light - *(The procession of light is a dramatic portrayal of creation when God said, "Let there be light" and now a symbol of NEW CREATION, when from the darkness of death God called for His son. Christ is the light of the world.)*

L: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C: the light no darkness can overcome.**

L: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C: and the day is almost over.**

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

**C: and illumine your Church.**

L: Joyous light of glory:

**C: of the immortal Father; Heavenly Holy Blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God Giver of Life: The universe proclaims your glory.**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night: Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation, and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Psalmody - *(The Psalmody begins with a song for forgiveness and protection.) (A=All, M=Men, W=Women)*

**A: Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hand as the evening sacrifice.**

M: O Lord, I call to you: come to me quickly: hear my voice when I cry to you.

*W: Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

M: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

*W: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evil doers.*

M: But my eyes are turned to You, Lord God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

*W: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

M: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**A: Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

#### Prayer

L: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify You forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

#### 1st Lesson: Numbers 14:11

*“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?’”*

#### 2nd Lesson: Acts 5:28-30

*“...saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.’”*

#### Gospel Lesson: John 6:66

*“After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.”*

#### Hymn: **Glory Be To Jesus**

Glory be to Jesus

Who, in bitter pains

Poured for me the lifeblood

From his sacred veins

Grace and life eternal

In that blood I find

Blest be his compassion

Infinitely kind

Blest through endless ages

Be the precious stream

Which from endless torment

Did the world redeem

Abel’s blood for vengeance

Pleaded to the skies

But the blood of Jesus

For our pardon cries  
Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply

Lift we then our voices  
Swell the mighty flood  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood

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Sermon — “*What Do You Want?*” Youth Direct Aaron Williams

Litany (*Prayers of the Church*)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health and the protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

**A: Alleluia**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. (*Silence for meditation*) Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, Our Lord.

**A: To you, O Lord.**

L: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Benediction

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**A: Amen.**

Hymn: ***Christ, The Life Of All The Living***

Christ, the life of all the living  
Christ, the death of death, our foe  
Christ, yourself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe  
Through you suff'ring, death, and merit  
Life eternal I inherit  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due  
Dearest Jesus, unto you

You have suffered great affliction  
And have borne it patiently  
Even death by crucifixion  
Fully to atone for me  
For you chose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due  
Dearest Jesus, unto you

Then, for all that bought my pardon  
For the sorrow deep and sore  
For the anguish in the garden  
I will thank you evermore  
Thank you for the groaning, sighing  
For the bleeding and the dying  
For that last triumphant cry  
Praise you evermore on high

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Music Benediction: ***Old Rugged Cross***

On a hill far way stood  
An old rugged cross

The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

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***"After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him." John 6:66***

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