# Evening Worship & Prayer

In Evening Prayer, we seek to give God our worship and praise. We enter into His presence humbly with receptive hearts, bringing ourselves and our needs before our Heavenly Father.

# Songs of Worship

# You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Writer: Jonathan Noel CCLI# 2332149

You are holy (You are holy) You are mighty (You are mighty) You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (Worthy of Praise)

I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

You are Lord of Lord, You are King of Kings You are Mighty God, Lord of everything You're Immanuel, You're the Great I Am You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb You're the Living God,
You're my Saving Grace
You will reign forever,
You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End You're my Savior, Messiah,
Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace and
I will live my life for You

### Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Holy is the Lord God most high

-Mighty, mighty, mighty Mighty is the Lord God most high

-I yield to...the Spirit of the Lord...

-I worship...Jesus Christ the Lord...

## Come Let us Worship

Writer: Dave Doughey CCLI#27329

Come let us worship and bow down Let us kneel before the Lord our God our maker

For He is our God And we are the people of His pasture And the sheep of His hand Just the sheep of His hand

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## **Unending Love**

Writer: John Barnett CCLI#282315

Father I come to You lifting up my hands In the Name of Jesus by Your grace I stand Just because You love me and I love Your Son

I know Your favor, unending love.

Unending love, Your unending love.

I receive Your favor, Your unending love Not because I've earned it, not for what I've done Just because You love me and I love Your Son I know Your favor, unending love.

It's the presence of Your kingdom As Your glory fills this place And I see how much You love me As I look into Your face

There's nothing I would trade For Your favor, unending love

Nothing could be better,

### **I Love Your Presence**

Writer: Darren Clarke, Jesse Lane CCLI# 2678085

In the glory of your presence I find rest for my soul In the depth of your love I find peace makes me whole

I love, I love, I love your presence I love, I love, I love your presence I love, I love, I love You Jesus I love, I love, I love your presence

## You Are Lord of Creation

Writer: Twila Paris CCLI# 20003

You are Lord of Creation and Lord of my life Lord of the land and the sea You were Lord of the Heavens before there was time Lord of all Lords You will be

We bow down and worship You Lord We bow down and worship You Lord We bow down and worship You Lord Lord of all Lords You will be

# Evening Prayer

#### Welcome

The Celebrant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

#### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Comfortable Words (assurances of God's forgiveness)

The Celebrant says

Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes

in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Hear what Saint Paul says: "This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15)

Hear what Saint John says:
"If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One; and he is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins."
(1 John 2:1,2)

# The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

# **Thanksgiving**

## "A Method for Prayer"

Matthew Henry's "A Method for Prayer" was written in 1710.

- 1. We must solemnly address ourselves to that INFINITELY GREAT and GLORIOUS Being with whom we have to do, as those that are possessed with a full belief of his PRESENCE and a holy awe and reverence of his MAJESTY
- 2. We must reverently adore God, as a Being transcendently bright and blessed, self-existent, and self-sufficient, an infinite and eternal Spirit, that has all perfections in himself and give him the glory of his titles and attributes.

We must acknowledge his being to be unquestionable and past dispute.

We must own his nature to be incomprehensible

And his perfections to be matchless and without compare

And that he is infinitely above us and all other beings

Particularly in our adorations -we must acknowledge that he is an eternal God, immutable, without, beginning of days, or end of life, or change of time

- 2.) That he is present in all places
- 3.) That he hath a perfect knowledge of all persons and things, and sees them all, even that which is most secret, at one clear, certain, and unerring view
- 4.) That his wisdom is unsearchable, and the counsels and designs of it cannot be fathomed.

5.) That his sovereignty is incontestable, and he is the owner and absolute Lord of all.

#### **Prayer**

Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands unto God in the heavens. Let us stir up ourselves to take hold on God, his face, and to give him the glory due unto his name

Let us now attend upon the Lord without distraction, and let not our hearts be far from him, when we draw nigh unto him with our mouths, and honour him with our lips. Let us now worship God; who is a SPIRIT, in spirit and in truth.

The Reader says:

Readings from Psalm 128, 129 and 130

#### Psalm 128

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
- your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

#### Psalm 129

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 'Often have they attacked me from my youth'
  - —let Israel now say—
- 2' often have they attacked me from my youth,
- yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 Those who plough ploughed on my back;

they made their furrows long.'

- 4 The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who hate Zion

be put to shame and turned back.

<sup>6</sup>Let them be like the grass on the housetops

that withers before it grows up,

7 with which reapers do not fill their hands or binders of sheaves their arms, 8 while those who pass by do not say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

#### Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents.

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!For with the Lord there is steadfast love,and with him is great power to redeem.
- 8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

At the end of the Psalms the people say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# The Canticles:

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, and 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 will be for ever. Amen.

The Reader says:
A Reading from Ephesians 3:3-14

### Ephesians 3:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,

according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

# "Glory be to God"

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# The Lesson

The Celebrant says: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant says:
A Reading (Lesson) from Luke 19:1-10

#### Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' 9Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.* 

#### A Prayer of Intercession

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, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen*.

Prayers and petitions for specific individuals

#### The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.* 

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of

# your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Amen.