

Officiant Stay with us, Christ, for it is evening.

People Make your Church bright with your radiance.

Officiant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to

night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day;

darkness and light to you are both alike.

Let us pray.

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for

ever and ever. Amen.

Phos hilaron

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

The Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
- For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everliving God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Story

Canticle 21, Te Deum

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtues and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and

the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

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