

## Office of Evening Vespers

### CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Thanks be to God.**

It is not ourselves we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus our Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### BURNING OF INCENSE

An angel, holding a golden censer full of incense, stood before the altar. The smoke of the incense went up before God, mingled with the prayers of the people. – Rev. 8:3-4

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sin.

**We acknowledge before God the Lord the wretchedness of our world and the sins of our hearts and minds. Our times are full of evil and we are but children of our times. We have seen the light and we choose the darkness. We have seen the truth and are half-believers. We are disciples, but poor disciples unable to give sight to those who are blind to where blessing is to be found. We confess these things with shame and pray God to forgive and redeem. God have mercy upon us.**

*Silence*

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

O, God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and blessed;

**One God, now and forever. Amen**

### EVENING PSALM

Glory to the Blessed and Holy Trinity,

**One God, now and forever.**

### EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### MAGNIFICANT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CANTICLE

### GOSPEL READING

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### THE APOSTLES CREED

## PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## LORDS PRAYER

COLLECT FOR PEACE: Most Holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works; Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and the fear of our enemies having been removed, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the mercies of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Hear us O God, as we pray for your One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

**Make us all one, so that the world may believe.**

We pray that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**Grant that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Guide and strengthen all ministers of your gospel

**Make them faithful in your service.**

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

**Establish justice and peace among all people.**

Give us courage to do your will in all we undertake.

**Reveal the life of Christ within us.**

*(Specific Intercessory prayers offered)*

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 more are gathered in your 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; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

O Shepherd of us all, who inspired your servant Saint Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Jesus: Grant, we ask you, your Spirit to the Order of Saint Luke, that we may proclaim faithfully the Apostolic hope, magnify the Sacraments, and bring your healing grace to the whole Church; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Let us go forth in the Peace of Christ. Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**