

Lenten Evening Prayer for March 13, 2022

Leader 1 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

Leader 2 God's mercy endures forever.

Leader 1 Let us pray. 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.*

Reader **Psalm 27: 1, 3b-8, 11a, 13-14** **International Children's Bible**

The Lord is my light and the one who saves me.

So why should I fear anyone?

The Lord protects my life.

So why should I be afraid?

If war breaks out, I will trust the Lord.

I ask only one thing from the Lord.

This is what I want:

Let me live in the Lord's house all my life.

Let me see the Lord's beauty.

Let me look around in his Temple.

During danger he will keep me safe in his shelter.

He will hide me in his Holy Tent.

Or he will keep me safe on a high mountain.

My head is higher than my enemies around me.

I will offer joyful sacrifices in his Holy Tent.

I will sing and praise the Lord.

Lord, hear me when I call.

Be kind and answer me.

My heart said of you, "Go, worship him."

So I come to worship you, Lord.

Lord, teach me your ways.

Guide me to do what is right.

I truly believe

I will live to see the Lord's goodness.

Wait for the Lord's help.

Be strong and brave

and wait for the Lord's help.

Reader

A Reading from the 1st Letter of John

1 John 1:5-10, International Children's Bible

Here is the message we have heard from God and now tell to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. So if we say that we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, then we are liars. We do not follow the truth. God is in the light. We should live in the light, too. If we live in the light, we share fellowship with each other. And when we live in the light, the blood of the death of Jesus, God's Son, is making us clean from every sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done. If we say that we have not sinned, then we make God a liar. We do not accept God's true teaching.

The Word of the Lord

Leader 2 Thanks be to God

Leader 1

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.

Reader

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.

Suffrages (Leader 1 and **Leader 2**)

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great
judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

Laura Marshall will offer up any prayers entered in Chat, ending with:

Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. Amen.

From Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Leader 1 O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *The Collect of the Day*

Leader 2 Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. *A Collect for Sundays*

Leader 1 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. *Prayer for Mission*

Leader 2 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. *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Leader 1 Let us bless the Lord.

Leader 2 Thanks be to God.

Leader 1 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

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