

Lenten Evening Prayer for April 3, 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 116:1, 12-17** **International Children's Bible**

I love the Lord because he listens
to my prayers for help.
What can I give the Lord
for all the good things he has given to me?
I will give him a drink offering for saving me.
And I will pray to the Lord.
In front of all his people,
I will give the Lord what I promised.
The death of one that belongs to him
is precious to the Lord.
Lord, I am your servant.
I am your servant and the child of your servant.
You have freed me from my chains.
I will give an offering to show thanks to you.
And I will worship the Lord.

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

John 12:23-26, 31-36 International Children's Bible

Jesus said, "The time has come for the Son of Man to receive his glory. I tell you the truth. A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die. Then it makes many seeds. But if it never dies, it remains only a single seed. The person who loves his life will give up true life. But the person who hates his life in this world will keep true life forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Then my servant will be with me everywhere I am. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

"Now is the time for the world to be judged. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown down. I will be lifted up from the earth. And when this happens, I will draw all people toward me." ³³ Jesus said this to show how he would die.

The crowd said, "We have heard from the law that the Christ will live forever. So why do you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

Then Jesus said, "The light will be with you for a little longer. So walk while you have the light. Then the darkness will not catch you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. So believe in the light while you still have it. Then you will become sons of light." When Jesus had said this, he left and hid himself from them.

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**)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

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 Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*

Service is from our Book of Common Prayer, An Order of Worship for Evening and Evening Prayer, Rite 2

Readings for our Lenten Evening Prayer are drawn from the lectionary for Holy Week and from <https://www.hillsideprinceton.org/observing-lent-with-children>. Scripture is from The International Children's Bible.