

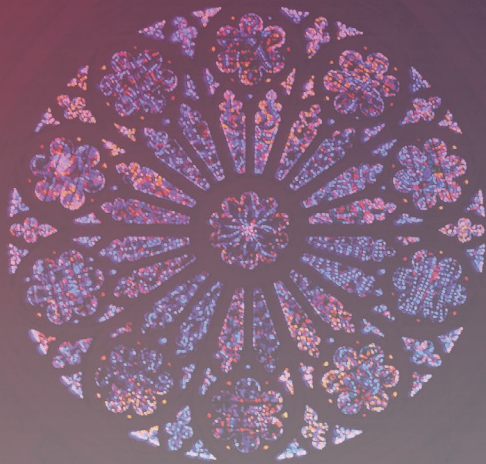


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# Election Day Prayer Vigil

NOVEMBER 5, 2024



**THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

Members of the clergy will offer prayers for the nation throughout the day.



## 2024 ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL

### MORNING PRAYER

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 • 8:00 AM

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

*The people stand as able at the sound of the bourdon bell.*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

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

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.  
(*Psalms 43:3*)

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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. Alleluia.

VENITE

*Said by all.*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting;  
Come let us adore him.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*(Psalm 95:1-7)*

*The people are seated.*

PSALM 62:1-2, 6-14

*Said responsively by whole verse.*

For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
from him comes my salvation.  
**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.**  
For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.  
**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**  
In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
**Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**  
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
**On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together.**  
Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.  
**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.**  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.  
**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.**

# LESSONS

## THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky,  
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.  
The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises  
what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High.  
At noon it parches the land,  
and who can withstand its burning heat?  
A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,  
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;  
it breathes out fiery vapors,  
and its bright rays blind the eyes.  
Great is the Lord who made it;  
at his orders it hurries on its course.  
It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,  
governing the times, their everlasting sign.  
From the moon comes the sign for festal days,  
a light that wanes when it completes its course.  
The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;  
how marvelous it is in this change,  
a beacon to the hosts on high,  
shining in the vault of the heavens!  
The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,  
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.  
On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;  
they never relax in their watches.  
Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;  
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.  
It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;  
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.  
By his command he sends the driving snow  
and speeds the lightnings of his judgment.  
Therefore the storehouses are opened,  
and the clouds fly out like birds.  
In his majesty he gives the clouds their strength,  
and the hailstones are broken in pieces.  
The voice of his thunder rebukes the earth;  
when he appears, the mountains shake.  
At his will the south wind blows;  
so do the storm from the north and the whirlwind.  
He scatters the snow like birds flying down,  
and its descent is like locusts alighting.  
The eye is dazzled by the beauty of its whiteness,  
and the mind is amazed as it falls.  
He pours frost over the earth like salt,  
and icicles form like pointed thorns.  
The cold north wind blows,  
and ice freezes on the water;  
it settles on every pool of water,  
and the water puts it on like a breastplate.

He consumes the mountains and burns up the wilderness,  
 and withers the tender grass like fire.  
 A mist quickly heals all things;  
 the falling dew gives refreshment from the heat.

Here ends the reading.

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

HYMN • 444

*Blessed be the God of Israel*

*Sung by all.*

*Thornbury*

1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael who comes to set us free;  
 2. He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
 3. On pri - son - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,  
 he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.  
 The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.  
 God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.  
 the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.  
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.

*The people are seated.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Here ends the reading.

A SONG TO THE LAMB

*Sung by the cantor.*

chant: plainsong mode VIII

Splendor and honor and kingly power  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.

*(Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13)*

*The people stand as able.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Said by all.*

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

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by all.*

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.

## THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, you call witnesses from every nation and reveal your glory in their lives; make us thankful for their example, and strengthen us by their fellowship that like them we may be faithful in their service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



HYMN • II (STANZAS I-3)

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*Sung by all.*

*Morning Hymn*



1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake  
 2. Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis - perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard  
 3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de - sign, or do, or say; that

off dull sloth, and joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
 my first springs of thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
 all my powers, with all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

God of justice and truth, on this election day, we pray for your blessing upon our nation and for peace in our land. As the people of this nation decide the future of our life together, we pray for all seeking elected office and their families, for the safety of all voters and poll workers, and the protection of all ballots cast. May our decisions be guided by love and respect of one another as neighbors and not by fear. Help us now, and always, to find new ways to work together to mend our divisions that we may create your kingdom on earth. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO SAINT FRANCIS *Said by all.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is discord, union;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
 to be understood as to understand;  
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**THE BLESSING**

*The officiant blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.*



*A separate leaflet is available for the Interfaith Service of Prayer for the Nation at noon.*



## 2024 ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL

### EVENING PRAYER

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 • 5:00 PM

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#### OPENING SENTENCES

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. (*Psalms 96:9*)

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

# THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Alleluia.

## HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Sung by all.*

*Houston*



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*The people are seated.*

PSALM 68:26-36

*Said responsively by whole verse.*

Bless God in the congregation;  
bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

**There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;  
the princes of Judah in a company;  
and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.**

Send forth your strength, O God;  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

**Kings shall bring gifts to you,  
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.**

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,  
and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

**Trample down those who lust after silver;  
scatter the peoples that delight in war.**

Let tribute be brought out of Egypt;  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.**

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God;  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**

How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

**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.**

## LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 14:14–15:8

I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.” So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse’s bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles. Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: “Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgements have been revealed.” After this I looked, and the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, robed in pure bright linen, with golden sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever; and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

Here ends the reading.

MAGNIFICAT

*Said by all.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*(Luke 1:46-55)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Here ends the reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Said by all.*

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*(Luke 2:29-32)*

ANTHEM

*Let the Light In*

*Sung by the soloist.*

Cody Carnes (b. 1989),  
Kristian Stanfill (b. 1983),  
Brett Younker (b. 1984)

It's time for the sleeper to wake.  
It's time for the old winds to change.  
I hear the Spirit say, it's time.

It's time for the dead man to rise.  
It's time for the Great Light to shine.  
I hear the Spirit say, it's time.

Fling wide you heavenly gates.  
Let the King of glory in.  
Let the King of glory in.  
Come ride in on Your people's praise.  
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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 that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.



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*The people are seated.*

## ANTHEM

*Goodness of God*

*Sung by the soloist.*

Ed Cash (b. 1971), Ben Fielding (b. 1988),  
Jason Ingram (b. 1974), Brian Johnson (b. 1978),  
Jenn Johnson (b. 1982); arr. CeCe Winans (b. 1964)

I love You, Lord,  
For Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up,  
Until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.  
*Refrain* And all my life, You have been faithful.  
And all my life, You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
With my life laid down,  
I'm surrendered now.  
I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.

*Refrain*

I love Your voice.  
You have led me through the fire.  
In the darkest night,  
You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a Father,  
I've known You as a Friend,  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

*The people stand as able.*

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where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Sung by all.*

*Faithfulness*

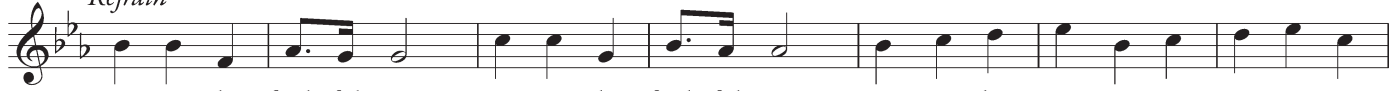


1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no sha-dow of turn-ing with thee;
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their cours-es a - bove,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;



thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
join with all na-ture in man - i - fold wit-ness, to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
strength for to - day and bright hope for tom - or - row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I



see; all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

*The officiant blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.*





## 2024 ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL

### COMPLINE

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 • 8:45 PM

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

*The people stand as able at the sound of the bourdon bell.*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**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. Alleluia.**

*The people are seated.*

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
 you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.  
 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;  
 the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

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.

## SCRIPTURAL SENTENCES

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Karitas habundat**Sung by the cantor.*

Hildegard of Bingen (ca. 1098–1179)

*Sung in Latin.*

Divine Love  
 Overflows into everything  
 Raised high—highest—from the very depths  
 To surpass constellations,  
 And tender—most tender—  
 Toward all creation,  
 Such that it bestows the kiss of peace  
 On the highest king.

*(from Sarum Primer, 1514)**The people stand as able.*

## THE PRAYERS

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
**For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord, have mercy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by all.*

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.

## PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR THE NATION

God of justice and truth, on this election day, we pray for your blessing upon our nation and for peace in our land. As the people of this nation decide the future of our life together, we pray for all seeking elected office and their families, for the safety of all voters and poll workers, and the protection of all ballots cast. May our decisions be guided by love and respect of one another as neighbors and not by fear. Help us now, and always, to find new ways to work together to mend our divisions that we may create your kingdom on earth. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Said by all.*

Lord,  
it is night.

The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.

The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives  
rest in you.

The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys,  
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

HYMN

*Lord God, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free* *Sung by all.*

*Song 1*

Lord God, you now have set your ser- vant free to go in peace as prom-ised in your word;  
my eyes have seen the Sa- vior, Christ the Lord, pre- pared by you for all the world to see,  
to shine on na- tions trapped in dark- est night, the glo- ry of your peo- ple, and their light.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**



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