

Indigenous Service of Evening Prayer



Gathering The Service of Light

Officiant: Cast your burden upon the Lord.

People: And he will sustain you.

Reader:

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'
[Isaiah 43:5-7]

Officiant: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: A light no darkness can extinguish.

North candle is lit followed by a prayer.

Leader: Almighty God our Father, the giver of all good gifts from every direction, send down your love from the North that all who minister to your call may faithfully and truthfully serve you and to the benefit of your Holy Church **Amen.**

East candle is lit followed by a prayer.

Leader:

God our Creator, Great Spirit of Light, the giver of a gift of a new day.
You come to us out of the East with the power of the rising sun.
Let there be light always in our words and on the paths we walk.
Give us the sharpness of your eyes, so we are able to see truth
and hope on the path we have chosen.
Guide our every step and give us courage to walk the circle of life
with honesty and dignity.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

South candle is lit followed by a prayer.

Leader:

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe
you speak to us through your prophets
and through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through Jesus comes grace and truth, healing and justice.
Your love has freed us from the bondage of fear to become your
disciples, and your love gives us the strength and compassion to do
your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

West candle is lit, followed by a prayer.

Leader:

Holy and Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth,
we give you our thanks and praise for your grace
that lifts us up and bears us each day.

As the daytime begins with the rising of the sun
your eternal light shines on us.

Even as this day is completing its circle,
Emmanuel, be with us, as the sunset approaches.

May our mortal bodies be refreshed and restored this night
with your precious gift of sleep and rest.

Surround us with your loving kindness during the nighttime.

As the eternal dawn shall come, so will your appearing
and we shall be known as you are known
and in love and joy you will receive us.

Into your holy name we commend our spirit. **Amen.**

Covenant Collect

Creator God,

from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

**You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us, by your spirit, to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.**

**Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in
partnership,**

may be strengthened and guided to help one another



**to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life. Amen.**

Reader:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Confession/Reconciliation

Leader:

Merciful Creator God, you have searched us out and known us;
the hopes we hold and regrets that cling to us.

The hurts we absorb and ferment;
the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,
knowing that only in you are we truly known
as the ones you would have us be.

Guide us to face ourselves and respect each other with dignity
within the forgiveness of your love,
that we might welcome with you the gifts and challenges
that your new creation brings

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

People: Thanks be to God

Dismissal

Officiant: Gathering our prayers into one, we pray as our Saviour taught us.

The Lord's Prayer
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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Officiant:

May the Creator watch over you,
May the Spirit guide and lead you.
May Jesus be present in all that you do.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you, within you, and surrounding you and those you love,
This day and always. **Amen.**

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Creator, our Lord and our God

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