

Daily Devotion Evening

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
Group: **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

Hymn

A hymn for the evening (see Christian Worship 587-595) or another appropriate hymn may be sung.

Psalm

A psalm may be spoken or sung. Psalms 91 and 141 are traditional evening psalm selections. A table of psalms for daily devotions is included on page 11 of this file.

Reading

*One or more Scripture readings are spoken.
The readings may be followed by an excerpt from Luther's Catechism or another devotional selection.*

Song of Simeon

*The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32; Latin title: Nunc Dimittis) or another canticle may be sung or spoken.
A musical setting of this canticle is included on pages 9-10 of this file.*

**In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared for every people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.**

One of the following prayers is spoken:

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love’s sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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

An Arrangement of the **Song of Simeon** for Evening Devotions

In peace, Lord, you let your ser- vant

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and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el." The piano accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff. The music consists of a single melodic line for the voice and a harmonic accompaniment for the piano.

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