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OPENING

Abendmusik

Luther's Evening Prayer

Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You kept me safely through the day, now keep me safe this night, I pray.

Forgive my sins where I have erred in wrongful deed or thought or word. Be with me through the dark night hours lest I succumb to Satan's powers.

Into your hands, O Father, I offer all I am and have. Your holy angel in the night keep watch o'er me till morning light.

O Christ, my Savior, be my song each morning, evening, all day long, who with the Father we give praise, and Holy Spirit, all our days. Amen.

Martin Luther, 1483–1546, para. Carl F. Schalk Setting by Carl F. Schalk, © 2011 MorningStar Music Publishers Shared under OneLicense 541150-L **Dialogue**ELW, p. 309
LBW, p. 142
LSB, p. 243

Jesus Christ is the light of the world the light no darkness can overcome.

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

Let your light scatter the darkness and illumine your church.

Hymn of Light

ELW, Hymn 229 LBW, p. 143 LSB, p. 244 Joyous light of glory:

of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy blessed Jesus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, O giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

Thanksgiving for Light

ELW, p. 310 LBW, p. 144 LSB, p. 245 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 141 ELW, p. 313 LBW, p. 145 LSB, p. 245

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm Prayer

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

WORD

HymnELW, Hymn 560
LSB, Hymn 881

"Christ, Mighty Savior"

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation, you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight and to the night give glittering adornment, stars in the heavens.

Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting, mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection; while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing hallow the nightfall.

Therefore we come now evening rites to offer, joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you, with all creation joining hearts and voices, singing your glory.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication, that you may grant us pardon for offenses, strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies, soothing the weary.

Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil, forever resting in the peace of Jesus, in light or darkness worshiping our Savior now and forever.

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Reading

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Rev. Nathan Baker-Trinity (LSM '92–'95)

Dialogue

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Gospel Canticle LBW, p. 147 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 ev'ry 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 forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

LitanyELW, p. 316
LBW, p. 148
LSB, p. 249

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this Lutheran Summer Music community, for all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

