



Remonstranten
Vrijzinnige Protestanten

**Evening Prayer
Sunday May, 22 2022**

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Next Evening Prayer Sunday June 26, 17.15 hrs

Come Bless the Lord

COME, BLESS THE LORD

♩ = 126 *♩♩ = $\frac{1}{8}$* *F Women in unison.* *Gm7*

Come, bless the Lord, all you ser-vants of the
Come, bless the Lord, all you ser-vants of the Lord,

Men in unison.

C7 *F*

Lord, who stand by night in the house of the
who stand by night in the house of the Lord.

F7 *Bb*

Lord. Lift up your hands in the ho - ly
Lift up your hands in the ho - ly place,

Bbm *F/C* *C7* *F/C* *C7* *F* *Bb/F* *F*

place, and bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.
and bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.

—Psalm 134: 1, 2

Unknown

Come bless the our God
All you servants of God
Who stand by night in the house of our God
Lift up your hands in the holy place
And bless our God
And bless our God

The One who made the heavens and the earth
Who blesses us from holy Zion
Lift up your hands in the holy place
And bless our God
And bless our God

Bless the eternal triune God
Who evermore remains the same
Lift up your hands in the holy place
And bless our God
And bless our God

In the name of the One holy and living God who is, who was,
and who is to come. Amen

Opening sentences
My soul waits for God
More than those
who watch for the morning
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Who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried to You
O God, hear my voice.
With my whole heart I want to praise You
O God, hear my voice
If you, God, should mark wrongdoing
Who could stand? Who could stand?

I will wait for God.
My soul waits,
In God's word
Do I hope.

Expressions of faith

My God, you have always given
Bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
Today I believe

Mijn God, je hebt altijd gegeven
Sterkte voor de komende dag;
En hoewel ik zwak ben,
Vandaag geloof ik

My God, You have always given
Peace for the coming day;
And though anxious of heart,
Today I believe

**My God, You have always kept me
Safe in trials
And now, tried as I am
Today I believe**

**Mijn God, je hebt altijd gemarkeerd
De weg voor de komende dag;
En hoewel het misschien verborgen is
Vandaag geloof ik**

**My God you have always lightened
This darkness of mine;
And though the night is here
Today I believe.**

**Oh God, You have always spoken
When the time was ripe;
And though you be silent now
Today I believe.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Prayers for ourselves and others

Having heard God's Word let us call upon the name of the Eternal One, trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

God of the bright and morning star,

God of the rising sun,

God of darkness banished,

we praise and worship you!

For empty tombs: thank you!

For disciples running with good news: thank you!

For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you!

We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us.
Help us to grasp resurrection;
to understand its power,
to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil empires,
changing the hatred within us,
moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth.

In this season of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.

Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom.

Today we think of all who are grieving, especially...

[name those who are grieving]

and for the sick and dying....

[name those who are ill]

for places in the world that are torn by war and
bloodshed...

[name countries at war]

In this world of broken hopes and dreams

we catch sight of your kingdom come,

in the person of Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns in us forever. Amen.

Hymn, Now the day is over

Moderately slow ♩ = 96

N.C.

Verse 1:

Ab D♭/A♭ E♭/A♭ A♭ D♭/A♭ A♭ E♭sus E♭

Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh.

Cm E♭ Fm D♭ A♭ D♭ E♭7 A♭

Shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.

1. *Now the day is over,
night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening
steal across the sky.*

- 2 *Jesus, give the weary
calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing
may my eyelids close.*
- 3 *Comfort ev'ry suff'rer
watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil,
from their sin restrain.*
- 4 *Thro' the long night-watches
may your angels spread
their bright wings above me,
watching round my bed.*
- 5 *When the morning wakens,
then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless
in your holy eyes.*

Blessing

See that you are at peace among yourselves, my children,
And love one another.

Follow the example of the good people of old
And God will comfort you and help you,
Both in this world
And in the world which is to come.

In the name of the One, holy and living God
Who is, who was and who is to come. **amen.**

*This liturgy is based on the evening prayer from the Celtic Daily
Prayer book. The prayers of the people were written by Carole
Penner.*