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**Evening Prayer: 16th Wednesday after Pentecost**

**October 1, 2025**

Leader: Before we begin, are there any concerns or names to add to the prayer list?

**Opening**

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: The light no darkness can overcome.

**Leader:** Stay with us Lord, for it is evening.

All: And the day is almost over.

**Leader:** Let the light scatter the darkness.

All: And illumine your church.

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:49-56

**49**Remember your word to your servant,  
    for you have given me hope.  
**50**My comfort in my suffering is this:  
    Your promise preserves my life.  
**51**The arrogant mock me unmercifully,  
    but I do not turn from your law.  
**52**I remember, Lord, your ancient laws,  
    and I find comfort in them.  
**53**Indignation grips me because of the wicked,  
    who have forsaken your law.  
**54**Your decrees are the theme of my song  
    wherever I lodge.  
**55**In the night, Lord, I remember your name,  
    that I may keep your law.  
**56**This has been my practice:  
    I obey your precepts.

**Psalm Response**

**Leader:** Sing for joy, God’s chosen ones.

All: Give him the praise that is due.

**Second Reading** Matthew 19:16-22

**16**Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

**17**“Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

**18**“Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, **19**honor your father and mother,’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20119:49-56;%20Jeremiah%2033:1-13;%20Matthew%2019:16-22;%20Psalm%2062;%20Hosea%2012:2-14;%20Matthew%2019:16-22;#fen-NIV-23782a)] and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20119:49-56;%20Jeremiah%2033:1-13;%20Matthew%2019:16-22;%20Psalm%2062;%20Hosea%2012:2-14;%20Matthew%2019:16-22;#fen-NIV-23782b)]”

**20**“All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

**21**Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**22**When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth

**Leader:** Jesus said, “I am the light of the world”.

**All:** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

**Gospel Canticle** (all but Leader and Reader should mute their audio)

**Leader:** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Reader/All**: For you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant, from whom this day all generations will call me blessed.

**L**: You, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.

**Reader/All:** You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.

**L**: You have shown strength with your arm, and scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

**Reader/All:** You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

**L:** You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember your promise of mercy,

**Reader /All:** The promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

**Prayers**

**Leader:** Let us take a minute to prepare ourselves for this part of our time together.

*(Leader prays first, including the prayer list, then each person has a turn*.)

**Leader:** 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 all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously protect us tonight. For into your hands, we commend ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

All: Amen

**Leader:** Let us pray (all but the leader should mute their audio)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven…

**Blessing**

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** The peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

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