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**Evening Prayer: 18th Wednesday after Pentecost**

**October 15, 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 102[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20102:1-17;%20Jeremiah%2025:15-32;%20Matthew%2010:5-15;%20Psalm%2061;%202%20Kings%2015:1-7;%20Matthew%2010:5-15;#fen-NIV-15523a)]

1Hear my prayer, Lord;  
    let my cry for help come to you.  
2Do not hide your face from me  
    when I am in distress.  
Turn your ear to me;  
    when I call, answer me quickly.

3For my days vanish like smoke;  
    my bones burn like glowing embers.  
4My heart is blighted and withered like grass;  
    I forget to eat my food.  
5In my distress I groan aloud  
    and am reduced to skin and bones.  
6I am like a desert owl,  
    like an owl among the ruins.  
7I lie awake; I have become  
    like a bird alone on a roof.  
8All day long my enemies taunt me;  
    those who rail against me use my name as a curse.  
9For I eat ashes as my food  
    and mingle my drink with tears  
10because of your great wrath,  
    for you have taken me up and thrown me aside.  
11My days are like the evening shadow;  
    I wither away like grass.

12But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever;  
    your renown endures through all generations.  
13You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  
    for it is time to show favor to her;  
    the appointed time has come.  
14For her stones are dear to your servants;  
    her very dust moves them to pity.  
15The nations will fear the name of the Lord,  
    all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.  
16For the Lord will rebuild Zion  
    and appear in his glory.  
17He will respond to the prayer of the destitute;  
    he will not despise their plea

**Psalm Response**

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

All: Give him the praise that is due.

**Second Reading** **Matthew 10:5-15**

5These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20102:1-17;%20Jeremiah%2025:15-32;%20Matthew%2010:5-15;%20Psalm%2061;%202%20Kings%2015:1-7;%20Matthew%2010:5-15;#fen-NIV-23426a)] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

9“Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— 10no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. 11Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. 12As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. 15Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

**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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