



Evening Prayer: Wednesday of Epiphany 2

January 17, 2023

(Leader: Before we begin, are there 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 Reading Psalm 86

¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, Lord;
listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made

will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me

Psalm Response

Leader: Sing for joy, God's chosen ones.

All: Give him the praise that is due.

Second Reading Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

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.

(Allow a time of silence, then say: "I will begin with my own prayer. We will each conclude our own prayer with "Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer".)

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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