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The gathering of the people

The people gather and wait in silence.

The lights are dimmed.

Psalm verses and the lighting of candles

Where appropriate the words may be shared by a number of voices.

O Lord, God of my salvation,

when, at night, I cry out in your presence, let my prayer come before you;

incline your ear to my cry.

Psalm 88:1-2

(after silence, a candle is lit)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in

the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Psalm 92:1-2

(after silence, a second candle is lit)

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and for evermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:2-3

(after silence, a third candle is lit)

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All **Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

**Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the Lord.**

May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Psalm 134

Hymn or song

Prayer for Christ's presence

As the darkness falls and the shadows grow ...

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

When we are tired and weary and longing for rest ...

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

While the business of the world goes on
and when there is no silence ...

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Whenever we meet together to curse the darkness

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All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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and long for your blessing ...

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we join in the great circle of prayer with all your saints ...

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

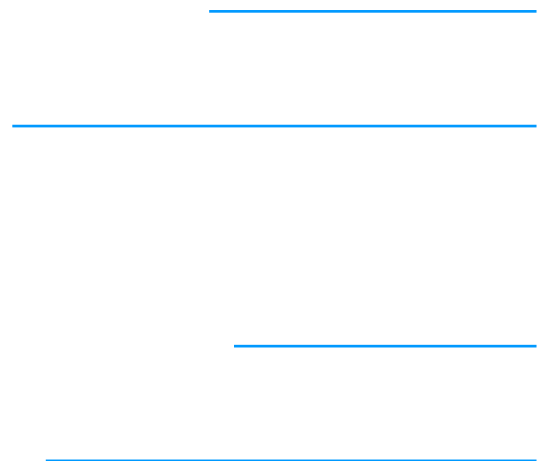
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

A night Psalm

Let us, who come bearing many fears,
and marked by disappointment and failure,
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the hope of new beginnings,
and the promise of the coming dawn.

They urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and
the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at
the table with them, he took bread, blessed ane059 (t)117 (5 (e))5ced gly os,e with these



We pray for justice in business and in government,
for true community in the Church,
and for goodness in all our deeds and words.

All Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands
as an evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

We pray for food and drink for the hungry,
for rescue for those in peril and danger,
for comfort for those sorrowing or deeply troubled.

All I call upon you O Lord, come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.

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for those who cry out for the morning,
that they may know the presence of God in the dark hours.

All Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands
as an evening sacrifice.

We pray for those new born this day,
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and for those newly baptised and received into the Church.

All I call upon you O Lord, come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.

We pray for those who are close to death,
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and be received into God's eternal presence with all the saints.

All Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands
as an evening sacrifice.

Silence

We pray these and all our prayers
in the name of Christ.

All I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
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