

A Vigil for the Evening Before the Feast of Pentecost

OPENING

Entrance of the Light

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Send forth your Spirit, Lord.
Renew the face of the earth.

An Excerpt from the Canticle Veni, Creator Spiritus

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Tune: CONDITOR ALME, (UMH 692)

Cre-a-tor Spirit, by whose breath
life rises vibrant out of death,
come to create, renew, inspire,
come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

In you God's energy is shown ,
to us your varied gifts make known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

Praise Trin-i-ty, whom we confess.
Source, Word and Spirit, ever blest
to whom all honor, glory be
both now and for eternity. Amen.

Attr: Rabanus Marus, 776-586
Tr. John Webster Grant (b. 1919)
Adapted DWV

Prayer

[When prayed in community:
(*The Holy One be with you, **and also with you.***
Let us pray:)]

Blessed are you, God of all times and places,
continue to recreate and form us with the light of your love.

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Remembering Christ's incarnation, life, death and rising,
and the gift of your Holy Spirit on Pentecost,
we rejoice to have been born by water and the Spirit at the font, the womb of your
Church.

**All glory be to you through Jesus Christ our risen Lord in the light of the life-
giving love of the Holy Spirit now and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia!**

OSL

PSALTER

Psalm (Psalm 146 may be prayed UMH, 858; or see a psalm lectionary for additional psalter
readings)

(may be chanted to Psalm Tone 2, United Methodist Hymnal, 737)

O God, create a clean heart in me,*
put into me a new and stead-fast spirit;
do not banish me from your presence,*
do not deprive me of your ho-ly Spirit!
Psalm 51:10-11 TIB

**Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and blessed;*
One God, now and for-ever. A-men.**

- Silence -

WORD

Scripture (Ezekiel 37:1-14 may be read or see a daily lectionary for additional appropriate
readings)

The people keep saying "Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed."
Prophesy therefore and say to them: "Thus says ADONAI: . . . I will put my Spirit into
you and you will return to life."

Ezekiel 37:11-14 selected, TIB

Holy wisdom! Holy word!
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Silence -

An Excerpt from the Canticle of the Holy Trinity
(Te Deum laudamus)
(may be chanted to Psalm Tone 3, United Methodist Hymnal, 737)

You are God, we praise you!*
You are the Lord, we ac-claim you!
You are the eternal God who has cre-ated!*
All creation wor-ships you!

Throughout the world,
your holy Church ac-claims you:*
O God of majesty un-bounded,
Your Chosen One, worthy of all worship,*
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Christ, you overcame the sting of death;*
You will come to be our judge.
Come help your people and bring us with your saints*
to glory ev-er-lasting.

Selected from the Ambrosian Hymn, OSL

[A Reading for Meditation and Reflection]

PRAYERS

The Kyrie
(*United Methodist Hymnal*, 482-484 for sung settings)

Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy **Christe, eleison,**
Lord, have mercy Kyrie, eleison.

Prayer

Pray for the life of the church and the world and the concerns of the heart.

Great Spirit, hear and help us as we pray.
You were there at Creation, Dove of God,
bright wings over chaos.
Your word came to Abram and Sarai,
calling them to journey far in faith.
You blew from heaven and the sea opened,
delivering your ancient people from the destroyer.
To Mary, You whispered your eternal Word,
the Christ she bore in Bethlehem.
You birthed the church in wind and fire at Pentecost,
and still you blow
out of the desert places, through the city's canyons.
Shelter us beneath your wings.
Call us, deliver us, inspire us,
fill us with hope and power
and set us alight in these dark times.
Through you, we pray to God for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Donald F. Chatfield
From The Book of Offices and Services

The Spirit Prayer

As we remember the prayer Jesus taught us, we pray:

Eternal Spirit,
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Jim Cotter, Prayer at Night
Cairns Publications, 1991; used by permission

Concluding Prayer

O Great Spirit,
cause us to walk in beauty
so that when life fades, like the fading sunset,
our spirits may come to you without shame. **Amen.**

Adapted from Traditional Native American prayer

Hymn DOWN AMPNEY, 6 6 11 D
(UMH 475)

Come down, O Love Divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
let resurrection light shine in my darkest night,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Bianco of Siena, 1434, trans. Richard F. Littledale, 1867 alt.

[Commendation] (when Compline is not prayed)

In peace we will lie down and sleep.
In the Lord alone we safely rest.
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.
May the divine help remain with us always.
And with those who are absent from us.

- Silence -

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

Adapted from the Sarum Breviary; Psalm 4:8 and 30:5

[Canticle of Simeon] (*when Compline is not prayed*)
(*commonly spoken in unison or chanted to Psalm Tone 1, United Methodist Hymnal, 737*)

Lord, you have now set your ser-vant free*
to go in peace as you have promised;
for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior*
whom you have prepared for all the world to see,
a Light to en-lighten the nations,*
and the glory of your peo-ple Israel.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and blessed,*
one God, now and for ever. A-men.

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Going Forth
O God, hear our prayer,
and let our cry come to you.
Listen to the prayers of your servants;
have mercy on us, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us bless the Lord!
Thanks be to God!
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**