

**An Order of Worship for the Evenings in Lent**  
Friday

*Leader* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

**Psalm 121** *said together*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

**Scripture** *Ephesians 3: 14-21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Prayers**

*Leader* Lord have mercy.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Leader* Lord have mercy.

Let us pray together, saying the words of the Lord's prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader* Lord hear our prayer;

*People* **And let our cry come to you.**

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*Leader* Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love that burned in your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**