

An Order of Worship for the Evenings in Lent

Monday

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.

We give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 4 *said together*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory?
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh! that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Scripture *1 John 1: 5-7*

⁵This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

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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Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing

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