

An Order of Worship
for the Evening
Proper 11

Psalms 63:1-8 (9-11)
1 Samuel 23:7-18; Rom. 11:33-12:2
Matt. 25:14-30

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, creator of day and night. Darkness is not dark to you and the night shines like the day, for darkness is as light to you. We pray that you would shine your light into the darkness in our hearts so that we can understand more of you, the true God and eternal light, living and reigning forever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 63

- 1 O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you.*
My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you
in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 I have seen you in your sanctuary*
and gazed upon your power and glory.
- 3 Your unfailing love is better than life itself; *
how I praise you!
- 4 I will praise you as long as I live,*
lifting up my hands to you in prayer.
- 5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast.*
I will praise you with songs of joy.
- 6 I lie awake thinking of you,*
meditating on you through the night.
- 7 Because you are my helper,*
I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 I cling to you;*
your strong right hand holds me securely.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Prayer Groups.

Almighty God, all wisdom springs from you, you know what we need before we ask, and you also know how shallow our requests are: Have compassion on our weakness, and by your mercy give us what you know we really need, even though we are too blind and too unworthy to even know what to pray for. We ask this through the worthiness of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Lighting of the candles as you say "O gracious light..."

Say together:

**O Gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**