

An Order of Worship
for the Evening
Proper 12

Psalm 8
2 Samuel 1:17-27; Rom. 12:9-21;
Matt. 25:31-46

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 8

- 1 O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!*
 Your glory is higher than the heavens.
- 2 You have taught children and infants
 to tell of your strength,*
 **silencing your enemies
 and all who oppose you.**
- 3 When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—*
 the moon and the stars you set in place—
- 4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them,*
 human beings that you should care for them?
- 5 Yet you made them only a little lower than the angels*
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You gave them charge of everything you made,*
 putting all things under their authority—
- 7 the flocks and the herds*
 and all the wild animals,
- 8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,*
 and everything that swims the ocean currents.
- 9 O Lord, our Lord,*
 your majestic name fills the earth!

**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.

O God, you protect all who trust in you. Without you, nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Give us more and more of your mercy so that as we walk through this temporary life, we can keep our focus on those things that are eternal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. *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.**