

The Blessing of Light National Call to Prayer, 22 March 2020



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Sharing God's blessing in Horsforth

The Blessing of Light

Preparation

We all light a lamp or candle.

The Lord is my light and my salvation:
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

All

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

We listen to the following hymn

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

Greek, tr: John Keble

Verses from Psalm 141 – A Song of the Evening Sacrifice

All

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips;

All **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

All **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalm 141.1-4b,8

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Reading from: **James 5**

Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

All **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

All

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

All

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

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Collect

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

All **Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**