**Preface** 

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# Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer audio will be offered on the website on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

You will need a copy of the BAS (for Collects and Psalms) and a copy of this prayer booklet which can be downloaded and printed from the website (in the "EVENTS" post for Evening Prayer)

When you participate in evening prayer (where ever you are) you will read as the "People / All" and follow the audio recording on the website throughout the service

In order to follow Evening Prayer online you will find a link on the church website <u>allsaints-agassiz.ca</u> click on "Audio" on the Home page and then click on "Evening Prayer" and start the recording for that given day.

You will be able to access the current Evening Prayer Liturgy List for each days' readings via the website (this is also found under "EVENTS" Evening Prayer post). The list will give you the Psalms and scripture readings for each Sunday and Wednesday.

This order of service is from Eucharistic Prayers, Services of The Word, and Night Prayer, Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services, pages 49 to 67.

## **Introductory Responses**

**All stand.** The officiant will say one of the following sentences proper to the service

Officiant: O Lord, I call to you: come to me quickly.

People: Hear my voice when I call to you.

or

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense.

People: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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

Alleluia!

## **Collect**

From the BAS – to be read together

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### The Invitatory

#### O Gracious Light

All: Oh gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.
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.

#### **Psalms and Proclamation of the Word**

The Evening Prayer Liturgy List available on the church website is used according to the rubrics found here, beginning with the Psalms.

### **Psalm Reading**

From the BAS – to be read together

## **Bible Readings and Gospel**

After each lesson the reader will say

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

Reader: The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to.....

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Scripture Reading** 

Reader: The gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Officiant: Let us affirm our faith by reciting the summary of the law.

All:

Hear, O Isreal the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

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Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love thy neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer**

Lord it is night,

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

One of the following prayers of intercession may be used and the reader may invite those gathered to offer their own prayer aloud or in silence.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the

suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.** 

or

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the earth that nurtures us and the life we live. Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that they may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

The officiant invites those gathered to say the Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Now gathering our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

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#### **Dismissal**

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.** 

Go in Peace and love the Lord