

**Magnificat ant.** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, alleluia.

### INTERCESSIONS

We express before God our longing for unity and our desire to work together with our fellow Christians to hasten the day of unity. In faith we pray:

**Response: You, Lord, are our light and our help.**

1. For all who work and pray and suffer to bring Christians closer together: in faith we pray: **R.**
2. For a renewal in our own parish of a desire for Christian unity: in faith we pray: **R.**
3. For a new commitment to take seriously to heart all that Christians have shared for centuries: in faith we pray: **R.**
4. For a new commitment to take seriously to heart the new agreements Christians are now able to reach: in faith we pray: **R.**
5. For Christians in our area, that God may keep us faithful to the gospel of our Lord: in faith we pray: **R.**
6. For all who work to bring light and understanding where there have been darkness or discord: in faith we pray: **R.**
7. *Pause for those who wish to add an intercession*
8. Grant to our beloved dead the gift of eternal life: in faith we pray: **R.**

We are united in our baptismal consecration as we pray the prayer that Jesus gave us: **OUR FATHER**

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, listen favourably to the prayer of your people, and grant us your peace in our day. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

### SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:  
vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum vale.  
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui  
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria!

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENING PRAYER - Saturday

**V.** O God, come to our aid

**R.** O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

### HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Refrain:* Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your Kingdom come.



### PSALMODY

**Ant. 1:** Your word is a lamp for my steps, Lord, alleluia.

### Meditation on the word of God in the Law

**Psalm 118 (119):105-112**

*This is my commandments, that you love each other (Jn 15:12)*

Your wórd is a lámp for my stéps\*  
and a líght for my páth.  
I have swórn and have máde up my mínd\*  
to obéy your decrées.

Lórd, I am déeplý afflícted:\*  
by your wórd give me lífe.  
Accépt, Lord, the hómage of my líps\*  
and téach me your decrées.

Though I cárry my lífe in my hánds,\*  
I remémber your láw.  
Though the wícked trý to ensnáre me\*  
I do not stráy from your précepts.  
Your will is my héritage for éver,\*  
the jóy of my héart.

I sét myself to cárry out your will\*  
in fúlness, for éver.

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**Ant:** Your word is a lamp for my steps, Lord, alleluia.

**Ant. 2:** O Lord, you will show me the fulness of joy in your presence, alleluia.

**The Lord is my portion** **Psalm 15 (16)**  
*God raised up Jesus, freeing him from the pains of death (Acts2:24)*

Presérve me, Gód, I take réfuge in you. †  
I sáy to the Lórd: 'Yóu are my Gód.\*  
My háppiness lies in you alóne.'

He has pút into my héart a márvellous lóve\*  
for the fáithful ónes who dwéll in his lánd.  
Those who chóose other góds incréase their sórrows. †  
Néver will I óffer their ófferings of blóod.\*  
Néver will I táke their náme upon my líps.

O Lórd, it is yóu who are my pórtion and cúp;\*  
it is yóu yoursélf who áre my príze.  
The lót marked óut for me is my delíght.\*  
welcome indéed the héritage that fálls to mé!

I will bléss the Lórd who gíves me cóunsel,\*  
who éven at night dirécts my héart.  
I kéepe the Lórd ever in my síght.\*  
since hé is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my héart rejóices, my sóul is glád;\*  
éven my bódý shall rést in sáfety.  
For yóu will not léave my sóul among the déad,\*  
nor lét your belóved know decáy.

You will shów me the páth of life, †  
the fúlness of jóý in your présence,\*  
at your ríght hand háppiness for éver.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Ant:** O Lord, you will show me the fulness of joy in your presence, alleluia.

**Ant. 3:** Let every creature, in heaven and on earth, bend the knee at the name of Jesus, alleluia.

**Christ, the servant of God**

**Canticle: Phil 2:6-11**

Though he was in the form of God,

Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as  
was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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**SCRIPTURE READING** **Col 1:3-6a**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of your love for all God's people. When the true message, the Good News, first came to you, you heard of the hope it offers. So your faith and love are based on what you hope for, which is kept safe for you in heaven. The gospel is bringing blessings and spreading through the whole world, just as it has among you.

**SHORT RESPONSORY**

**R.** From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord. **Repeat R.**  
**V.** High above the heavens is his glory. **R.** Glory be. **R.**

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My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.  
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.  
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.  
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,  
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.  
Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

