



# VESPERS

## Evening prayer for teachers

O God come to our aid  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
**ALL : Glory be....**

### PSALM 138

O Lord you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising.  
you mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

*Before a word is ever on my tongue,  
You know it, O Lord through and through.  
Behind and before you besiege me,  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
too high, beyond my reach.*

O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
if I climb the heavens you are there,  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

*If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.*

If I say 'Let the darkness hide me  
and the light around me be night,  
even darkness is not dark for you,  
and the night is as clear as the day.

**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**

### PSALM 66

*O God be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shine upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.*

Let the peoples praise you O God  
Let all the peoples praise you.

*Let the nations be glad and exult.  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples  
and guide the nations on earth.*

Let the peoples praise you O God  
Let all the peoples praise you.

*The earth has yielded its fruit  
For God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.*

Let the peoples praise you O God  
Let all the peoples praise you.

**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**

### SCRIPTURE READING (reader) Col. 3:15-16

The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions that you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct each other with wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to God the father.

*(moment of silent reflection)*

### SHORT RESPONSORY

Hear us Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

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Listen Christ, to the prayers of those who cry to you.

*Hear us Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

*Hear us Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.*

### INTERCESSIONS (reader)

Christ is the Head of his body, the Church, and we are the members of that body. Gathered this evening to pray in his name, we say; **May your kingdom come.**  
We pray for Francis our Pope and John our bishop; **guide them and bless them**

**in their work.**

Pour out your love on our families, friends and our school community: **that we may find you in them.**

Guide the young in their learning and the choices they make: **help them become the people you want them to be.**

Give peace to all those in the world who are suffering; **send them your loving comfort and consolation.**

May your love in us overcome all things: **let there be no limit to our faith, our hope and our endurance.**

### All: Our Father....

### CONCLUDING PRAYER (reader)

God our Father  
You have entrusted us with so many precious lives. Thank you for all the young minds and hearts that long to learn, respond to fun and learn to share. May your Spirit guide our teaching lives. Help us to be aware of your love weaving its way through every part of our school life.  
May your wisdom and inspiration be our guide.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

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

