



# Evening Prayer - 1

## Raquette Lake Chapel

### Raquette Lake ND USA

The Raquette Lake Chapel is a non-denominational community chapel and its doors are open to all.

Welcome to tonight's "Multi-denominational" Evening Prayer. Tonight, we are using prayers and litanies from many different Christian sources. Thank you for joining our Chapel Virtual Community!

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**OPENING PRAYER TOGETHER: *Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* [from beliefnet.com "a non-denominational evening prayer"]**

**Leader:** Lord, we come to You for an evening blessing, to seal within our hearts the inspirations and memories of this day.

**All: *We ask You for the blessing of quietness for every troubled heart, rest for every weary soul, new faith and courage for all who have faced exhausting tasks this day.***

**Leader:** We would rest now in You and find in this evening hour Your stillness and Your peace to bring us into quiet harmony with Your will.

**All: *We give thanks for every challenge that this day has brought, every new vision of God that winged its way across our skies, every whisper of God that we have sensed in the beauty of Your world, every thought of God that comes in quiet moments, every need of Thee that brought us back again to Thee in prayer, AMEN.*** [Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh PA USA]

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**REFLECTION:** "A Damascus Experience," the Conversion of Saul, St. Paul

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### A CALL TO CONFESSION TOGETHER:

***O Lord our God, you are great, eternal, and wonderful in glory.  
You keep your covenant and promises for those who love you with their whole heart.  
You are the Life of all, the Help of those who flee to you, the Hope of those who cry to you.  
Cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to your  
goodness. Cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences,  
that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope,  
we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

[Coptic Liturgy of St. Basil, from Ancient Collects, ed. William Bright, p. 2#1.]

Leader: “In the words of St. Paul about how Christians should behave:” Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. [Philippians 2:14-16, NRSV]

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray for God’s people throughout the world and for this gathering. Pray for the Church. (silence)

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. (silence)

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. (silence)

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. (silence)

Leader: I invite you to offer your thanksgivings and prayers. (silence)

[adapted from the Book of Common Prayer]

### THE LORD’S PRAYER TOGETHER

CLOSING PRAYER TOGETHER [the prayer of St. Francis]

***Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN.***