

Evening Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦
give you blessing out of Zion.

**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.**

This opening prayer may be said

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

One or two Psalms are read and may end with

**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.**

Canticle

Refrain:

**All Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.

2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.

3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.

5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

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.

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

All The Lord is my light and my salvation;

the Lord is the strength of my life.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

Refrain:

**All You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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.**

**All You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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 is said ([here](#))

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.