

¶ *for peace*  
¶ *for individuals and their needs*  
*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**All** 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*

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

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

## Prayers

*Thanksgiving may be made for the day.*

*Intercessions are offered*