

Evening Prayer Easter



Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All according to your judgement give us life.

prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of David:

- 1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.
- 3 Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.
- 4 In your hand are power and might; ♦
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
- 5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
and praise your glorious name.
- 6 For all things come from you, ♦
and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

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

Canticle

**All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and
unfading, kept in heaven for you,

- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21

**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.**

Gospel Canticle

**All The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

- 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.

Luke 1.46–55

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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Prayers

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph
of the cross:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

That all people may receive the good news of his
victory:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of his resurrection:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

That in the undying love of Christ
we may be united with all who have died in the faith
of Christ:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the
dead,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect is said

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his
risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.