

Evening Prayer lent



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, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The following is said:

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

George the Sinner, tr: A W Chatfield

(Tune: SM)

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 Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦
that you should follow in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

- 5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, ♦
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b–25

**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 Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

- 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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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All* Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

Prayers

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the
Father

and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people,

that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

For the leaders of the nations,

that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and

truth,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

For the needy,

that they may not be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

For the sick in body, mind and spirit,

that they may know your power to heal,

we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

For the poor in spirit,
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.