

## Evening Prayer



### Preparation

*A candle may be lit.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

*prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*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.**

*Canticle*

**All The glorious grace of God**

**is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

- 1 Blessed are you,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ♦  
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- 2 You chose us to be yours in Christ  
before the foundation of the world, ♦  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

- 3 In love you destined us for adoption as your children,  
through Jesus Christ, ♦  
according to the purpose of your will,
- 4 To the praise of your glorious grace, ♦  
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 5 In you, we have redemption  
through the blood of Christ, ♦  
the forgiveness of our sins,
- 6 According to the riches of your grace, ♦  
which you have lavished upon us.
- 7 You have made known to us, in all wisdom and  
insight, ♦  
the mystery of your will,
- 8 According to your purpose  
which you set forth in Christ, ♦  
as a plan for the fullness of time,
- 9 To unite all things in Christ, ♦  
things in heaven and things on earth.

**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** The glorious grace of God  
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

## **The Word of God**

### *Gospel Canticle*

**All** My spirit rejoices in you, O God,  
my soul proclaims your greatness.

- 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*

**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** **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,**  
**my soul proclaims your greatness.**

## **Prayers**

We pray to the Lord.

In faith we pray.

**All** **We pray to you, our God.**

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful  
and full of your presence:  
in faith we pray.

**All We pray to you, our God.**

That the work we have done  
and the people we have met today  
may bring us closer to you:  
in faith we pray.

**All We pray to you, our God.**

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and  
justice:  
in faith we pray.

**All We pray to you, our God.**

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are  
lonely, oppressed and anxious:  
in faith we pray.

**All We pray to you, our God.**

That you will strengthen us in your service,  
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:  
in faith we pray.

**All We pray to you, our God.**

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

*The Collect is said*

Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
the flame of love which never ceases,  
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.  
May we shine for ever in your temple,  
set on fire with your eternal light,  
even your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our Redeemer.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

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

***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.