

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH KNOWLE

A Service of Evening Prayer

Preparation:

O God make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

A 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.

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:

Psalmody

The appointed psalm is said.

At the end of the psalm we say:

***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:

A Song of the Heavenly City

***All* By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.**

I saw no temple in the city, •
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it, •
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, •
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night; •
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, •
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month, •
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him; •
and they shall see his face
and his name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4

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 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.

Scripture Reading:

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Responsory:

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

All The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

All He has become my salvation.

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

All The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

from Psalm 118

Gospel Canticle:

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

Refrain:

All Those who gave up their lives for Christ and followed in the Way
rejoice with God now and for ever. Alleluia.

Please join with me in saying the Magnificat

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

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

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

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

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting the lowly.

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

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

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.

Refrain:

All Those who gave up their lives for Christ and followed in the Way
rejoice with God now and for ever. Alleluia.

Prayers:

A time of prayer will follow

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said.

Please join with me in saying

The Lord's Prayer:

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and 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.