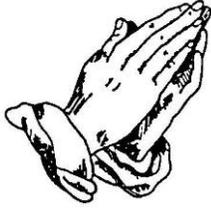


Evening Prayer



Greeting

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise
for ever.**

Hymn

Opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Response to God's Word

Sermon/talk

Confession and Forgiveness

Christ the light of the world has come to
dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and
confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.

**Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.**
**Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your
salvation;**
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save
sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for
ever.
Amen.

Praise

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the
universe.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the time had fully come
you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

**In him the fullness of your glory
dwells.**

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat

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

**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.**

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

Prayers of Thanks and Intercession

Collect

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Conclusion

Hymn

Final Prayer

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Sending Out

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.**

**Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
and the day is almost over.**

**Even the darkness is not dark for you:
and the night shines like the day.**

**Let your light scatter the darkness:
and fill your church with your glory.**

cf John 1.5; 8.12; Psalm 139.12; Luke 24.29