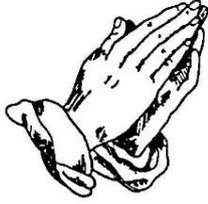


# Evening Prayer



## **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 Canticle: 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*

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### Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Psalm 22. 25-end

25 From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;

I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow  
before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before  
him?

30 He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to  
come.

31 They shall come and make known his  
salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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.

### Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.