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O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

**2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.**

3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦
give you blessing out of Zion.

**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.**

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.

Amen.

Psalm 119.81-88 [89-96]

81 My soul is pining for your salvation; ♦I have hoped in your word.

82 My eyes fail with watching for your word, ♦while I say, 'O when will you comfort me?'

83 I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, ♦yet I do not forget your statutes.

84 How many are the days of your servant? ♦When will you bring judgement on those who persecute me?

Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

85 The proud have dug pits for me ♦in defiance of your law.

86 All your commandments are true; ♦help me, for they persecute me with falsehood.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, ♦but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 Give me life according to your loving-kindness; ♦so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.

Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; ♦it ever stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness also remains from one generation to another; ♦you have established the earth and it abides.

91 So also your judgements stand firm this day, ♦for all things are your servants.

92 If your law had not been my delight, ♦I should have perished in my trouble.

Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

93 I will never forget your commandments, ♦for by them you have given me life.

94 I am yours, O save me! ♦For I have sought your commandments.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, ♦but I will meditate on your testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection, ♦but your commandment knows no bounds.

Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Lord Christ,
as we sit at your feet,
teach us your living way;
for you are our Word and Wisdom,
one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Isaiah 33.13-22

**Hear, you who are far away, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might.
The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: 'Who among us can live with the
devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting flames?'
Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly, who despise the gain of oppression, who wave away a
bribe instead of accepting it, who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed and shut their eyes from
looking on evil,
they will live on the heights; their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks; their food will be supplied, their
water assured.
Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away.
Your mind will muse on the terror: 'Where is the one who counted? Where is the one who weighed the
tribute? Where is the one who counted the towers?'
No longer will you see the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot
comprehend, stammering in a language that you cannot understand.
Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an
immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken.
But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars
can go, nor stately ship can pass.
For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us.**

Let us rejoice and exult and give glory and homage to our God.

1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.

**2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.**

3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

**4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.**

5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**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.**

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After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized.

John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized—John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew.

They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.'

John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.

You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him."

He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled.

He must increase, but I must decrease.'

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony.

Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true.

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

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The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

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

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

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.**

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.

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

Reflective Poem

The Glory of God in Creation

by *Thomas Moore*

Thou art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from Thee.
Where'er we turn, Thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

**When day, with farewell beam, delays
Among the opening clouds of even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through opening vistas into heaven,
Those hues that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord, are Thine.**

When night, with wings of starry gloom,
O'ershadows all the earth and skies,
Like some dark, beauteous bird, whose plume
Is sparkling with unnumbered eyes,
That sacred gloom, those fires divine,
So grand, so countless, Lord, are Thine.

**When youthful Spring around us breathes,
Thy spirit warms her fragrant sigh,
And every flower that Summer wreathes
Is born beneath Thy kindling eye:
Where'er we turn, Thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.**

Prayers

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect end:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will have mercy upon us and grant us your salvation:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this night without sin:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bring us with [N and] all your saints
to glory everlasting:
we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

silence is kept.

The Collect of the day is said

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

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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.