

*Evening Prayer for use on Fridays during ordinary time
the Monday after Pentecost until the day before All Saints Sunday
and from the 3rd. February until shrove Tuesday.*

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of Entreaty

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant,
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is desolate.

4 I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

5 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;
hide not your face from me lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

6 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust; show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.

7 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

8 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Psalm 143.1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11

**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.**

Opening Prayer

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.**

The Word of God

The appointed psalms are said,

and each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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 Justified,

**Refrain: Our hope is not in vain,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

- 1 God reckons as righteous those who believe,
who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead;
- 2 For Christ was handed over to death for our sins,
and raised to life for our justification.
- 3 Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4 Through Christ we have gained access
to the grace in which we stand,
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.
- 5 We even exult in our sufferings,
for suffering produces endurance,
- 6 And endurance brings hope,
and our hope is not in vain,
- 7 Because God's love has been poured into our hearts,
through the Holy Spirit, given to us.
- 8 God proves his love for us:
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
- 9 Since we have been justified by his death,
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath.
- 10 Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 8, 9, 11

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading

A responsory,

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

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Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

Be not far from me, O my God.

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

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God. *from Psalm 38*

Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

**Refrain: You have scattered the proud in their conceit,
and lifted up the lowly.**

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 up 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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

¶ *The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces*

¶ *Peace and justice in the world*

¶ *Those who work for reconciliation*

¶ *All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife*

¶ *Prisoners, refugees and homeless people*

This response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Collect of the day is said

or

Heal us O God from all our afflictions
and keep us steadfast in your love;
bind up our wounds,
raise us from death,
and led us to fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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

**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.

Thanks be to God.