

*Evening Prayer for use on Wednesdays 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 God's Descending

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength.
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.
- 2 In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God for help.
- 3 He heard my voice in his temple and my cry came to his ears.
- 4 He parted the heavens and came down and thick darkness was under his feet.
- 5 He rode upon the cherubim and flew;
he came flying on the wings of the wind.
- 6 He made darkness his covering round about him,
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 8 The Lord also thundered out of heaven;
the Most High uttered his voice with hailstones and coals of fire.
- 9 For you will save a lowly people and bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 10 You also shall light my candle;
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.
- 11 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried in the fire;
he is a shield to all who trust in him. *Psalm 18.1, 6, 7, 10-14, 28, 29, 31*

**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 Blessed,

**Refrain: Rejoice and be glad for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

3 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

5 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

6 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

7 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5.3-10*

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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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Scripture Reading

A responsory,

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

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

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from psalm 73

Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

***Refrain: Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.***

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.**

***Refrain: Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.***

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

¶ *The media and the arts*

¶ *Farming and fishing*

¶ *Commerce and industry*

¶ *Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger*

¶ *All who are unemployed*

This response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Collect of the day is said,*or*

Eternal Lord,
 our beginning and our end:
 bring us with the whole creation
 to your glory, hidden through past ages
 and made known
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

A hymn may be sung.

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.