



Evening Prayer

Welcome! We are glad that you are with us this evening!
You are invited to say the responses in **bold** and to *stand, sit or kneel* as announced.

(Stand)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Psalm, *followed by Glory to the Father...*

A reading from the Bible

(Sit)

Magnificat

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

who 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.

God has mercy on those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

casting down the mighty from their thrones

and lifting up the lowly.

God 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 the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears,

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.

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

The prayers follow:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(Sit or kneel)

Lord have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name,**

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers;

And grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:

And let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

The Collect for Light

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, we pray

and in your great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;

for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collect for Faithfulness

Grant, O Lord, that the word which we hear this day

may so take root in our hearts,

that we, living in accordance with your holy will,

may ever praise and magnify your glorious name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Other prayers may follow

The Final Prayer

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.**