

Evening Prayer on Sunday

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation and Penitence

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

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 Psalm is said concluding 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.**

Old Testament Reading

OT Canticle

**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.

Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b

**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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and give glory and homage to our God.**

New Testament Reading

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

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the Lord is the strength of my life.**

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.**

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Gospel Canticle - The Magnificat

**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.

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.**

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

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Sermon and Reflection

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

for peace

for individuals and their needs

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day

Lighten our darkness,

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 Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Hymn

The Conclusion

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.