



Evening Prayer

An Order for Evening Prayer

Please stand. A lamp or candle may be lit.

The Lord is my light and my salvation: my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This, or a seasonal prayer of thanksgiving, is said:

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

Please sit. Other candles may be lit as Phos Hilaron, the following, is said or sung.

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest, holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, the lights of evening round us shine, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

Verses from Psalm 141 - A Song of the Evening Sacrifice may be said and incense may be burned.

-Let my prayer rise before you as incense, • the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

-O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; • hear my voice when I cry to you.

-Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, • and guard the door of my lips;

-Let my prayer rise before you as incense, • the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

-Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; • let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

-But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; • in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

-Let my prayer rise before you as incense, • the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Preparation

Please stand.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

The following is said together:

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

-Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary • and bless the Lord.

-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.

This, or another opening prayer, may be said:

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

Please sit.

Psalmody

*The appointed psalmody is said. 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.*

*If there are two Scripture readings, the
first may be read here, or both may be
read after the canticle.*

Canticle

*A Song of David, or another suitable
canticle, may be said*

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

-Salvation and glory and power
belong to our God, • whose
judgments are true and just.

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

-The Lord our God, the Almighty
reigns: • let us exult and give him
the glory.

**-For the marriage of the Lamb has
come • and his bride has made
herself ready.**

-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**

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

Scripture Reading

*One or more readings appointed for the
day are read. The reading(s) may be
followed by a time of silence. A suitable
song or chant, or a responsory in this or
another form, may follow*

Responsory

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

**The Lord is my light and my
salvation: 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.**

Gospel Cantic

Please stand. The Magnificat is normally said:

- You have done great things O God, and holy is your name.
- 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 he 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 raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

Prayers

Please sit or kneel. Intercessions are offered: for peace, for individuals and their needs. This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept. This Collect, or the Collect of the day is said:

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray, and in your 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.

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.