

**AN ORDER FOR
EVENING PRAYER
DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

The Gathering of God's People

Stand

The Greeting is said.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

On Easter Day

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! *Luke 24: 34*

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

A sentence of scripture may be read from those provided on pages 78-82.

A hymn may be sung.

The minister may introduce the service in these or other suitable words:

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If no priest is present the absolution is omitted and the following prayer may be said:

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Stand

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.

FIRST CANTICLE

A SONG OF THE LIGHT

- 1 Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

or

DEUS MISERATUR *Psalm 67 (page 664)*

or

ECCE NUNC *Psalm 134*

- 1 Come bless the Lord, all you servants • of the | Lord: ■
you that by night | stand • in the | house of • the | Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands toward the holy place and | bless the | Lord: ■
may the Lord bless you from Zion
the | Lord who • made | heaven• and | earth.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

or in Eastertide

THE EASTER ANTHEMS (*page 120*)

These and other canticles may be used in other versions and forms e.g. from Church Hymnal.

PSALM

One or more of the appointed Psalms is sung, ending with

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

FIRST READING

The reader may say

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

After the reading silence may be kept.

SECOND CANTICLE

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1 :46-55*

- 1 My soul proclaims the | greatness • of the | Lord, ■
my spirit re|joices • in | God my | Saviour,
- 2 who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant; ■
from this day all gene|rations • will | call me | blessed;
- 3† the Almighty has done | great things | for me ■
and | holy | is his | name.
- 4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him, ■
from gene|ration • to | gene|ration.
- 5 The Lord has shown | strength • with his | arm ■
and scattered the | proud in | their con|ceit,
- 6 casting down the mighty | from their | thrones ■
and | lifting | up the | lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with | good | things ■
and sent the | rich a|way | empty.

- 8 He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel ■
to re|member • the | promise of | mercy,
- 9 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 be|ginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

or any of the New Testament canticles in The Canticles (pages 117-135)

SECOND READING

The reader may say

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

After the reading silence may be kept.

If the service is the Principal Service of the day the order of readings and canticles at Morning Prayer is followed with canticles appropriate to the evening.

THIRD CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ■
your | word has | been ful|filled.
- 2 My own eyes have | seen the • sal|vation ■
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.
- 3 A light to re|veal you • to the | nations ■
and the | glory • of your | people | Israel.
Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

or any of the New Testament canticles in The Canticles (pages 117-135)

THE SERMON

may be preached here or at some other place in the service.

A hymn may be sung.

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 of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

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.

or

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 versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

N.I. [O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.]

R.I. [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 COLLECTS

The Collect of the day is said and one or more of these collects:

O God
from whom all holy desires
all good judgements
and all just works proceed:
Give to your servants
that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Prayers and thanksgivings, or a litany, may be said.

A hymn may be sung.

Going Out as God's People

The prayers may end with one of the following or an appropriate blessing:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.**

2 Corinthians 13: 14

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3: 20

To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1 Timothy 1: 17

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15: 13