

EVENING PRAYER

Hymn

A SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE may be said.

The minister may say

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word,
to bring before him the needs of the world,
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,
and to seek his grace,
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

The minister may say

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

The minister may say

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Kneel

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
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.**

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Minister Lord, open our lips;
People and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Minister Let us worship the Lord.
People All praise to his name.

**All Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

THE PSALMS appointed

Each psalm or group of psalms ends 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.**

Sit

THE FIRST READING, from the Old Testament

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT (The Song of Mary)

**My soul proclaims the / greatness of the / Lord:
my spirit re/joices in / God my / Saviour;**

**for he has looked with favour on
his / lowly / servant from this day
all gener/ations · 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:
in /every / gener/ation.

He has shown the / strength of his / arm:
he has scattered the / proud in /
their con/ceit.

He has cast down the mighty /
from their / thrones:
and has / lifted / up the / lowly.

He has filled the hungry with / good / things:
and the rich he has / sent / a/way / empty.

He has come to the help of his / servant / Israel:
for he has re/membered · his / promise · of / mercy

the promise he / made to our / fathers:
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.

Sit

THE SECOND READING, from the New Testament

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

Stand

NUNC DIMITT/S (The Song of Simeon)

Lord now you let your servant / go in/ peace:
your / word has / been ful/filled.

My own eyes have / seen the salvation:

which you have prepared in the /
sight of / every / people;

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

Kneel

The minister may say

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All 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 forever. Amen.**

These versicles and responses may be said.

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People and grant us your salvation.

Minister O Lord, save our rulers;
People and hear us when we call upon you.

Minister Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
People and let your servants shout for joy.

Minister O Lord, make your ways known
 upon the earth;
**People let all nations acknowledge your
 saving power.**

Minister Give your people the blessing of peace;
People and let your glory be over all the world.

Minister Make our hearts clean, O God;
People and renew a right spirit within us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THIS COLLECT may be said

O God, the source of all good desires,
all right judgements, and all just works,
give to your servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey
your commandments,
and that freed from fear of our enemies,
we may pass our time in rest
and quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THIS COLLECT 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.**

Here may be read occasional prayers and thanksgivings, or other forms of prayer.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind,
we pray for men of every race,
and in every kind of need:
make your ways known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
(Especially we pray for ...)
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church throughout the world:
guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,
that all who profess and call themselves Christians
may be led into the way of truth,
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,
in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.
(Especially we pray for ...)
Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We commend to your fatherly goodness
all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body:
comfort and relieve them in their need;
give them patience in their sufferings,
and bring good out of their troubles.
(Especially we pray for ...)

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you
most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord
Jesus Christ, for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory. And give us,
we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON

HYMN

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**