

# Evening Prayer in Passiontide



O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth  
**Your saving power among the nations.**

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**

### **Psalmody**

***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.**

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## Canticle

**At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow.**

Christ Jesus was in the form of God, •  
But he did not cling to equality with God.

He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant, •  
and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form  
he humbled himself, •  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him, •  
and bestowed on him  
the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, •  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

And every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, •  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2:5-11*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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## New Testament Reading

*The reading may be followed by silence and a reflection.*

We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you;

**by your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

Christ committed no sin,  
no guile was found on his lips.

**We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.

**By your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.

**We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you;**

**by your holy cross,  
you have redeemed the world.**

*cf 1 Peter 2*

## Gospel Canticle

*The Magnificat*

**God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

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 made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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# Prayers of Intercession

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said:*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said:*

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## **The Conclusion**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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