

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:

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and day is drawing to a close.
Abide with us and with your whole Church,
in the evening of the day,
in the evening of life,
in the evening of the world;
abide with us
and with all your faithful ones, O Lord,
in time and in eternity.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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

**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.

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Evening Prayer in Ordinary Time

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

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 ends 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.**

Canticle

**I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, •
for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, •
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



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And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, •
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, •
and God himself will be with them.

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes, •
and death shall be no more.

'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more, •
for the former things have passed away.'

And the One who sat upon the throne said, •
'Behold, I make all things new.'

Revelation 21.1-5a

**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.**

**I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

New Testament Reading

The reading may be followed by silence and a reflection.

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.
**Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**
Lead me in the path of your commandments
that I may see the wonders of your law.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

from Psalm 119

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat

**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

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

**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 mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**