

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect is said:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

**Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, •
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, •
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, •
for they shall inherit the earth.



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Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness, •
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, •
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, •
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, •
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, •
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3-10

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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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for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

New Testament Reading

The reading may be followed by silence and a reflection.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
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and afterwards receive me with glory.**
For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat

**Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

**Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**