**EVENING PRAYER**

O God, make speed to save us.

***All***   **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*The following is said*

1    Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2    You are clothed with majesty and honour,

wrapped in light as in a garment.

3    The sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night.

4    O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

5    When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

6    May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

7    I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35

**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 for ever. Amen.**

This opening prayer may be said

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.

**All**   **Amen.**

##### ****The Word of God****

##### [Psalmody](https://www.churchofengland.org/common-material/psalter#mm13a)

The appointed Psalm is said.

The Psalm may end with

**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 for ever. Amen.**

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

##### Canticle

A Song of God’s Grace, may be said

Refrain:

**All**   **The glorious grace of God**

**is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

1    Blessed are you,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

for you have blest us in Christ Jesus

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

2    You chose us to be yours in Christ

before the foundation of the world,

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

3    In love you destined us for adoption as your children,

through Jesus Christ,

according to the purpose of your will,

4    To the praise of your glorious grace,

which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

5    In you, we have redemption

through the blood of Christ,

the forgiveness of our sins,

6    According to the riches of your grace,

which you have lavished upon us.

7    You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,

the mystery of your will,

8    According to your purpose

which you set forth in Christ,

as a plan for the fullness of time,

9    To unite all things in Christ,

things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1.3-10

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**All**   **The glorious grace of God**

**is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

##### Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day may be read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

We end with the following response

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

**All**   **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

**and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him

and he will make straight your paths.

**All**   **Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**All**   **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

**and be not wise in your own sight.**

from Proverbs 3

##### Gospel Canticle

A Song of the Blessed

Refrain:

**All**   **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,**

**my soul proclaims your greatness.**

1    My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2    From this day all generations will call me blessed;

the Almighty has done great things for me

and holy is his name.

3    He has mercy on those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

4    He has shown strength with his arm

and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5    Casting down the mighty from their thrones

and lifting up the lowly.

6    He has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

7    He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

to remember his promise of mercy,

8    The promise made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**All**   **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,**

**my soul proclaims your greatness.**

##### ****Prayers****

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

**(or)**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Kindle in our hearts, O God,

the flame of love which never ceases,

that it may burn in us, giving light to others.

May we shine for ever in your temple,

set on fire with your eternal light,

even your Son Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our Redeemer.

**All**   **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All**   **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 Conclusion****

**All**   **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.

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**