

An order for evening prayer

Silence is kept

O God Make speed to save us
O Lord make haste to help us

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever!
In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
To dispel the darkness of our night,
you sent forth your Son, the first-born of all creation.
He is our Christ, the light of the world,
and him we acclaim, as all creation sings to you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever!**

Psalm 141

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,
in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

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.**

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; •
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise
your name,
because of your love and faithfulness; •
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; •
you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, •
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, •
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; •
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me; •
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; •
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

9 You laid the foundation of the earth
And the heavens are the work of your hands.

**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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

One or more readings from Scripture

As your word, O Lord,
gives light to our path,
may we behold the glory of your presence
and so rejoice to sing your praise,
now and for ever. Amen.

Colossians 1. 13-20

1 The Father has delivered us
from the dominion of darkness,*
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;

2 In whom we have redemption,*
the forgiveness of our sins.

3 He is the image of the invisible God,*
the first-born of all creation.

4 For in him all things were created,*
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

5 All things were created through him and for him,*
he is before all things
and in him all things hold together.

6 He is the head of the body, the Church,*
he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead.

7 For it pleased God that in him
all fullness should dwell,*
and through him all things be reconciled to himself.

1 John 4. 7-11

1 Belovèd, let us love one another,
**for love is of God;*
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

2 Whoever does not love does not know God,*
for God is love.

3 In this the love of God was revealed among us,*
**that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.**

4 In this is love,
**not that we loved God but that he loved us,*
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.**

5 Belovèd, since God loved us so much,*
we ought also to love one another.

6 For if we love one another, God abides in us,*
and God's love will be perfected in us.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT
(The song of Mary)

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

Silence is kept &
Intercessions are offered
¶ thanksgiving may be made for the day.
¶ for the church and the world
¶ for individuals and their needs

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:

**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,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

**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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