

An order for evening prayer during Lent

Silence is kept

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

**Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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.**

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Psalm 141

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.**

Psalm 51.1-5, 12-15

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; •
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness •
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults •
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned •
and done what is evil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence •
and righteous in your judgement.

6 Cast me not away from your presence •
and take not your holy spirit from me.

7 Give me again the joy of your salvation •
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked •
and sinners shall return to you.

9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, •
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

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.**

Psalm 139

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; •
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place •
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue, •
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You encompass me behind and before •
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, •
so high that I cannot attain it.

6 Where can I go then from your spirit? •
Or where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; •
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning •
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand shall lead me, •
your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me •
and the light around me turn to night,'

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; •
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; •
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; •
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14 My frame was not hidden from you, •
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; •
already in your book were all my members written,

16 As day by day they were fashioned •
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! •
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

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 FOR LENT

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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