

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**O Come let us sing to the Lord,  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him in psalms  
For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods  
Come let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our maker  
For he is our God  
we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hands  
Amen**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all;  
To you be glory and praise for ever!  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts  
and your praises ever be on our lips,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Psalm

*A Psalm is read*

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**

## A Song of the New Creation

*cf Isaiah 43*

1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, •  
the Creator of Israel, your King.'  
2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, •  
a path in the mighty waters,  
3 'Remember not the former things, •  
nor consider the things of old.  
4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; •  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
5 'I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert, •  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
6 'The people whom I formed for myself, •  
that they might declare my praise.'  
**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.**

## The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

*cf Luke 1*

**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.**

## Bible Reading

*Read the passage set for the study, or one allocated.*

## Collect

*This or the Collect of the day may be said.*

Saviour eternal,  
life of the world unfailing,  
light everlasting  
and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity  
in your loving freedom,  
you rescued our lost earth  
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent justify us,  
by your second, set us free:  
that when the great light dawns  
and you come as judge of all,  
we may be robed in immortality  
and ready, Lord, to follow  
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

## The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
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.**

## Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.  
**Amen.**  
Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Notes for leaders.

Prayer all too often gets squeezed into a rush at the end of homegroup. We want to frame our time together in prayer, and allow it to be a source of peace and life.

This simple order of prayer is intended to take the pressure off and provide a structure. It is a work in progress and we intend to update it regularly, so your feedback would be appreciated.

### How to.

Very simply appoint one leader, and ask one other person to read the psalm. The leader reads the normal text, the participants respond with the words in bold.

Take it slowly, don't rush. The silence should last as long as you feel appropriate.

### Psalms and readings

This is a good opportunity to simply read parts of scripture week by week. Why not start at Psalm 1, and go from there.

Likewise with the reading - either read the passage set for the study, or start reading a book of the bible one chapter at a time.

### For further resources

including readings, psalms and collects see [churchonthecorner.org.uk/dailyprayer](http://churchonthecorner.org.uk/dailyprayer)



## Evening prayer for Homegroups