

## DAILY EVENING PRAYER

*The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture.*

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

PSALM 141:2

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:8-9

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws,  
We have left undone what we ought to have done, and  
we have done what we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who truly repent,  
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly, righteous and disciplined life,  
to the praise of your holy name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

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

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**  
*Officiant* Praise the Lord.  
*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said.*

PHOS HILARON  
*O Gladsome Light*

**O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, \*  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light, \*  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, \*  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

*Then follows*

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

*At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

*One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT  
*The Song of Mary*

My soul magnifies the Lord, \*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
For he has regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from now on, \*  
all generations will call me blessed;  
For he that is mighty has magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him, \*  
throughout all generations.  
He has shown the strength of his arm; \*  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has exalted the humble and meek.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

LUKE 1:46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS  
*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, \*  
according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, \*  
which you have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

LUKE 2:29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE BERAKAH

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,\*  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,  
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,\*  
that we would be holy and blameless before Him.  
In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself,\*

according to the kind intention of His will,  
to the praise of the glory of His grace,\*  
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.  
In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,\*  
according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.  
In all wisdom and insight, He made known to us the mystery of His will,\*  
according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him  
with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times,\*  
*that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things  
on the earth.  
In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,\*  
having been predestined according to His purpose  
who works all things after the counsel of His will,\*  
to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ  
would be to the praise of His glory.\*  
In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth,  
the gospel of your salvation\*  
having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,\*  
who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,  
with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession,\*  
to the praise of His glory.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**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,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful and the strength of those who labor: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

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.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14