

*Evening Prayer for use on Saturdays during ordinary time  
the Monday after Pentecost until the day before All Saints Sunday  
and from the 3<sup>rd</sup>. February until shrove Tuesday.*

### **The Blessing of the Light**

*A lamp or candle may be lit.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.  
The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Greek, tr: John Keble*

### **A Song of the Evening Sacrifice**

**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 with evildoers.

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.**

*Psalms 141.1-4b, 8*

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.**

### **The Word of God**

*The appointed psalms are said,  
and each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**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.**

**Canticle: A Song of God's Love,**

**Refrain: God's love was revealed among us  
so that we might live through Jesus.**

1 Beloved, 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 Beloved, 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.

*1 John 4.7-11, 12b*

**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.**

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**Scripture Reading**

**A responsory,**

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
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Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**That glory may dwell in our land.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

*from Psalm 85*

**Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)**

**Refrain: You have looked with favour on your lowly servant,  
from this day all generations will call her blessed.**

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.

*Luke 1.46-55*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Refrain: You have looked with favour on your lowly servant,  
from this day all generations will call her blessed.**

**Prayers**

***Thanksgiving may be made for the day.***

**Intercessions are offered**

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

¶ *Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love*  
 ¶ *Those whose time is spent caring for others*  
 ¶ *Those who are close to death*  
 ¶ *Those who have lost hope*  
 ¶ *The worship of the Church*

*This response may be used,*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

***The Collect of the day is said***

*or*

O God our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:  
 we give into your hands our unfinished tasks,  
 our unsolved problems, our unfulfilled hopes;  
 for you alone are our sure defence and bring us lasting peace  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer is said***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

**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.**