

Evening prayer during Ordinary Time

Opening Prayer

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Gathering Silence

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.

Psalm

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; Who satisfies you with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word. Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

from Psalm 103

Reading

One or more readings for the day are read. Silence may be kept.

Intercessions are offered.

- ¶ For peace and for the world.
- ¶ For individuals and their needs

The Collect

Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by the sending to them the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and to rejoice in his comfort forever

Amen.

Responsory

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight. In all your ways acknowledge him

and he will make straight your paths.

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Gospel Canticle

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, king of the nations, to you be praise and glory for ever. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world. As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit that we may witness to your gospel and sing your praise in all the earth. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lords Prayer

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.

St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in the words of friend and stranger.

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of his Spirit.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.