

¶ Evening Prayer from All Saints' Day until Advent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.

By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 24

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

**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.**

Scripture Reading

**On our website will be listed the reading for the day.
Alternatively, please choose your own.**

Responsory

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

**The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

- 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.

Luke 1.46-55

**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 righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

Prayers

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful
and full of your presence:
in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

That the work we have done
and the people we have met today
may bring us closer to you:
in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:
in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely,
oppressed and anxious:
in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:
in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

**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

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.
Amen.