

# Evening Prayer

## Monday



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O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

### A Song of God's Greatness

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as in a garment.  
The sun knows the time for its setting.  
You make darkness that it may be night.  
O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

*Psalm 104. 1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35*

**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.**

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.

### Psalmody

#### Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.  
**Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.**  
Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
**The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.**  
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.  
**Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.**  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

**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

### Mark 4:26-29

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

## Canticle

### The Magnificat

**My spirit rejoices in you, O God, my soul proclaims your greatness.**

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*

**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.**

**My spirit rejoices in you, O God, my soul proclaims your greatness.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families, our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,

that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
the flame of love which never ceases,  
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.  
May we shine for ever in your temple,  
set on fire with your eternal light,  
even your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our Redeemer.  
Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Amen.**

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

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