

# Evening Prayer from

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### ***The minister introduces the service***

Dearly beloved,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;

and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before  
the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and  
obedient heart;

to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge  
our sins before God;

yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have  
received at his hands,

to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying [after me:

***All*** **Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much the devices and desires**  
**of our own hearts.**  
**We have offended against thy holy laws.**  
**We have left undone those things**  
**which we ought to have done;**  
**and we have done those things**  
**which we ought not to have done;**  
**and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

***A priest says***

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,  
the absolution and remission of their sins:  
he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent  
and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.  
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,  
and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All Amen.***

***All Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.***

***¶ Evening Prayer***

***These responses are used***

O Lord, open thou our lips

**All** and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

**All** as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

**All** The Lord's name be praised.

*Psalmody*

## Psalm 135

- 1 O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord \*  
praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
- 2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious \*  
O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- 4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself \*  
and Israel for his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the Lord is great \*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth \*  
and in the sea, and in all deep places.
- 7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world \*  
and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his  
treasures.
- 8 He smote the first-born of Egypt \*  
both of man and beast.
- 9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of  
Egypt \*  
upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
- 10 He smote divers nations \*  
and slew mighty kings;
- 11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan \*  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

- 12 And gave their land to be an heritage \*  
even an heritage unto Israel his people.
- 13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever \*  
so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
- 14 For the Lord will avenge his people \*  
and be gracious unto his servants.
- 15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold \*  
the work of men's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, and speak not \*  
eyes have they, but they see not.
- 17 They have ears, and yet they hear not \*  
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- 18 They that make them are like unto them \*  
and so are all they that put their trust in them.
- 19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel \*  
praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
- 20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi \*  
ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
- 21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion \*  
who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

*At the end of each psalm these words are said or sung*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Old Testament Reading*

## First Reading: Genesis 12.1-9

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.  
 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.  
 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.  
 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

### *Magnificat*

#### *The Magnificat*

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*New Testament Reading*

## Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

*Nunc dimittis*

*Either the Nunc dimittis (as follows) or Deus misereatur (Psalm 67) is said or sung.*

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed*

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Prayers*

The Lord be with you.

**All And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**All And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**All And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Three Collects are said.*

### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast

made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect for Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.

**All Amen.**

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