



Evening Prayer

Kingdom
Season
2021

Preparatory Silence

A minute of silence is kept, during which the following prayer may be used privately in the silence of your heart. It is the prayer appointed for 'Before Worship,' #64 on page 833 of the BCP

O Almighty God,
you pour out your spirit of grace
and of supplication upon all who ask:
Deliver us, when we draw near to you,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind,
that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections
we may worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation,
eternal Creator of day and night,
to you be glory and praise for ever!

Now, as darkness is falling,
hear the prayer of your faithful people.

As we look for your coming in glory,
wash away our transgressions,
cleansè 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,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **Blessèd be God for ever!**

Song of Light

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Penitence

Let us reflect on the day that is past
and confess our sins to God in silence.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Psalmody

The appointed Psalm/s are read, then the doxology is said.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen.

Canticle — A Song of God's Assembled

Accessistis ad Sion montem - Hebrews 12. 22-24, 28-29

- 1. We are come before the throne of God*
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**
- 2. We have come before God's holy mountain,*
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.**
- 3. We have come before countless angels making festival,*
before the assembly of the first-born
citizens of heaven.**
- 4. We have come before God, the righteous judge of all,*
before the spirits of the just made perfect.**

**5. We are come before Jesus,*
the mediator of the new covenant.**

**6. We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: *
let us therefore give thanks to our God,**

**7. And offer God an acceptable worship,
full of reverence and awe,*
for our God is a consuming fire.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen.

Gospel Responsory

Your faithful servants bless you :

They make known the glory of your kingdom.

You will guide us with your counsel, O God :

and after, receive us with glory.

Alleluia! The righteous will shine like the sun :

in the kingdom of their Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from...

After the reading is said

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches :

Thanks be to God.

Song of Mary

- 1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor 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 *
in every generation.**
- 4. He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**5. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**6. He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**7. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**8. The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray...

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

Concluding Collect

O God, who in the work of creation
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may shine into the hearts of all your people,
dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief
and revealing to them the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord;
In whose name we pray.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we await the fulfillment of the promise of glory,
let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

Blessing

Let us give thanks to our God,
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and made us partakers in the inheritance
of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.