



Evening Prayer

Season of
Lent, 2023

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,
Shepherd of your pilgrim people:
their pillar of cloud by day,
their pillar of fire by night.

Stir up in us the fire of your love
which shone forth from your Son
enthroned on the cross,
that we may be cleansed of all our sins
and be made ready to come into your presence,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessèd be God for ever!

Song of Light

During the song of light the people light a candle.

**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.**

Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

As far as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your loving response to those who are humble;
so far does your enduring strength
uphold those who face the darkness within.
As parents are concerned for their children,
so you come to those who reach out in faith. **Amen.**

Psalmody

[The appointed Psalm/s are read. The doxology is said after the Psalm]

**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.**

A Song of Repentance

Hæc est annuntiatio — 1 John 1. 5-9

Antiphon: **Tell the good news of Jesus the Christ *
to all who are searching for redemption.**

- 1. This is the message we have heard from Christ
and proclaim to you: *
that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**
- 2. If we say that we have fellowship with God
while we walk in darkness, *
we lie and do not do what is true.**
- 3. But if we walk in the light as God is in the light, *
we have fellowship with one another.**

**4. For the blood of Jesus, the Son of God, *
cleanses us from all our sins.**

**5. If we say that we have no sin, *
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

**6. If we confess our sins, *
the One who is faithful and just will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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to all who are searching for redemption.**

Gospel Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation:

In you I hope all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love:

for they are from everlasting.

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 Simeon

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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:

Let our prayer rise before you as incense:

the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, we call to you:

hear our voice when we cry to you.

Let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers:

turn our eyes to you, Lord God.

In you we take refuge:

Do not leave us defenceless.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

Seasonal Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom
and teach us to 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.**

**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]

Lenten Doxology

Grant, O ever blessèd Trinity,
and ever perfect Unity,
that this, our fast of forty days,
may be a worthy act of praise.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.