

## Evening Prayer

### The Penitential Rite

*The officiant may read one or more of the following sentences of scripture, or an opening sentence proper to the day.*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*

Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws on, and the day is almost over. *Luke 24.29*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8.12*

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*The officiant says,*

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 neighbours 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.

*The priest says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Responder*

**Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

*Responder* Hear my voice when I cry to you.

*Officiant* Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,

*Responder* The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Responder* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

## The Invitatory

**O Gracious Light** *Phos Hilaron*

*Officiant* O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the ever living 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.

## The Psalm

*Reader*

*At the end of the psalm*

*Reader* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Officiant* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

*Reader* A reading from . . .

*After each lesson the reader may say,*

The word of the Lord.

*Officiant* Thanks be to God.

*Gospel*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

*Officiant* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Then at the conclusion of the Gospel,*

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*Officiant* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The readings may be followed by silence, a canticle, or a responsory.*

## Homily

# Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed or Hear, O Israel may be said.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Or the following:*

*Officiant* Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*A deacon or lay member of the community may lead the intercessions and thanksgivings.  
Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for*

*the Church  
the Queen and all in authority the world  
the local community  
those in need  
the departed.*

*A short litany may be selected from pp. 110–127. A thanksgiving litany and the forms of General Thanksgiving are found on pp. 128–130. Other prayers are found on pp. 675–684. These prayers and thanksgivings may be modified in accordance with local need, or extempore forms of prayer may be used.*

*Officiant* **The Collect**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
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.

*Or*

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
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.

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Responder* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*The officiant may conclude with one of the following:*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

May the Lord of peace give us peace in all ways and at all times. **Amen.**