

¶ Evening Prayer

from All Saints' Day until

the day before the First Sunday of Advent

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All They make known the glory of your kingdom. Alleluia.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

our light and our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

Now, as darkness is falling,

wash away our transgressions,

cleanse 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.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of Tobit \(page 596\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Give me the wings of faith to rise

within the veil, and see

the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts

(Tune: CM)

This opening prayer may be said

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 73

Refrain: In the Lord God have I made my refuge.

1 Truly, God is loving to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone;
my steps had well-nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious of the proud;
I saw the wicked in such prosperity;

4 For they suffer no pains
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 They come to no misfortune like other folk;
nor are they plagued as others are;

6 Therefore pride is their necklace
and violence wraps them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from within;
the conceits of their hearts overflow. R

8 They scoff, and speak only of evil;
they talk of oppression from on high.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
and their tongue ranges round the earth;

10 And so the people turn to them
and find in them no fault.

11 They say, 'How should God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?'

12 Behold, these are the wicked;
ever at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 Is it in vain that I cleansed my heart

and washed my hands in innocence?

14 All day long have I been stricken

and chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, 'I will speak as they do,'

I should have betrayed the generation of your children. R

16 Then thought I to understand this,

but it was too hard for me,

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God

and understood the end of the wicked:

18 How you set them in slippery places;

you cast them down to destruction.

19 How suddenly do they come to destruction,

perish and come to a fearful end!

20 As with a dream when one awakes,

so, Lord, when you arise you will despise their image.

21 When my heart became embittered

and I was pierced to the quick,

22 I was but foolish and ignorant;

I was like a brute beast in your presence. R

23 Yet I am always with you;

you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing upon earth that I desire

in comparison with you.

26 Though my flesh and my heart fail me,

God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish;

you will put to silence the faithless who betray you.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; □

in the Lord God have I made my refuge,

that I may tell of all your works.

Refrain: In the Lord God have I made my refuge.

Holy God,

may we find wisdom in your presence

and set our hope not on uncertain riches

but on the love that holds us to the end;

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Isaiah 10.20-32

On that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on the one who struck them, but will lean on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. For though your people Israel were like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness. For the Lord God of hosts will make a full end, as decreed, in all the earth.

Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: O my people, who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians when they beat you with a rod and lift up their staff against you as the Egyptians did. For in a very little while my indignation will come to an end, and my anger will be directed to their destruction. The Lord of hosts will wield a whip against them, as when he struck Midian at the rock of Oreb; his staff will be over the sea, and he will lift it as he did in Egypt. On that day his burden will be removed from your shoulder, and his yoke will be destroyed from your neck.

He has gone up from Rimmon,

he has come to Aiath;

he has passed through Migron,

at Michmash he stores his baggage;

they have crossed over the pass,

at Geba they lodge for the night;

Ramah trembles,

Gibeah of Saul has fled.

Cry aloud, O daughter Gallim!

Listen, O Laishah!

Answer her, O Anathoth!

Madmenah is in flight,

the inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety.

This very day he will halt at Nob,

he will shake his fist

at the mount of daughter Zion,

the hill of Jerusalem.

Canticle

A Song of God's Assembled, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 70 \(page 628\)](#) or [number 73 \(page 631\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All We have come before the throne of God

to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Alleluia.

1 We have come before God's holy mountain, [□]

to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

2 We have come before countless angels making festival, [□]

before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.

3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, [□]

before the spirits of the just made perfect.

4 We have come before Jesus, [□]

the mediator of the new covenant.

5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: [□]

so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,

6 Full of reverence and awe; [□]

for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29

All 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.

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to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Matthew 8.1-13

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

For I am always with you;

you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,
or the Nunc dimittis (The Song of the Simeon) (page 613) may be said

Refrain:

All In the heavenly kingdom,
the blessed have their dwelling place and their rest for ever and ever. Alleluia.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; [□]
he has looked with favour 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, [□]
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm [□]
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones [□]
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things [□]
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, [□]
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, [□]
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

All 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.

Refrain:

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the blessed have their dwelling place and their rest for ever and ever. Alleluia.

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364–365](#)

¶ The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven

¶ All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God

¶ All who fear the winter months

¶ All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ

¶ All who grieve or wait with the dying

A form of prayer found [on page 384](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Lord God,

who taught Elizabeth of Hungary

to recognize and reverence Christ in the poor of this world:

by her example

strengthen us to love and serve the afflicted and the needy

and so to honour your Son, the servant king,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

(or)

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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 Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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