Evening Prayer on Saturday

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

The Blessing of Light (page 110) may replace the Preparation at Evening Prayer on any occasion.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

A prayer of thanksgiving (page 110).

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All Blessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of God’s Light

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

3 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

4 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.

6 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Psalm 27.1, 3-6, 8

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.

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.
All Amen.

The Word of God
Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 81

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

1 Sing merrily to God our strength, ♦
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel, ♦
the tuneful lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, ♦
as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, ♦
a law of the God of Jacob,

5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, ♦
when they came out of the land of Egypt. R

6 I heard a voice I did not know, that said: ♦
I eased their shoulder from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.

7 ‘You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; ♦
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

8 ‘Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: ♦
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 ‘There shall be no strange god among you; ♦
you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 ‘I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt; ♦
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.’ R
11 But my people would not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, and let them walk after their own counsels.

13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 Then I should soon put down their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Father of mercy, keep us joyful in your salvation and faithful to your covenant; and, as we journey to your kingdom, ever feed us with the bread of life, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalm 84

Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.

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4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6 They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion. R

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand. R

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

Lord God,
sustain us in this vale of tears
with the vision of your grace and glory,
that, strengthened by the bread of life,
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
Ecclesiasticus 15.11-end

Do not say, 'It was the Lord's doing that I fell away';
   for he does not do what he hates.
Do not say, 'It was he who led me astray';
   for he has no need of the sinful.
The Lord hates all abominations;
   such things are not loved by those who fear him.
It was he who created humankind in the beginning,
   and he left them in the power of their own free choice.
If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
   and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.
He has placed before you fire and water;
   stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
Before each person are life and death,
   and whichever one chooses will be given.
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
   he is mighty in power and sees everything;
his eyes are on those who fear him,
   and he knows every human action.
He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
   and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

or Ezekiel 14.1-11

Canticle

A Song of God's Love, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 53 (page 606), may be said

Refrain:

All God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

1 John 4.7-11, 12b

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.

God's love was revealed among us so that we might live through Jesus.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read. The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Mark 14.66-end

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘I do not know or understand what you are talking about.’ And he went out into the forecourt.
Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, ‘This man is one of them.’ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.’ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know this man you are talking about.’ At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and wept.

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

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.
All
Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
All
That glory may dwell in our land.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
All
Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

from Psalm 85

**Gospel Canticle**

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,
or **A Song of Praise (page 627)** may be said

Refrain:

All Those who keep and teach the commandments
will be considered great in heaven.

1My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; †
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2From this day all generations will call me blessed; †
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3He 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:

All Those who keep and teach the commandments
will be considered great in heaven.

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 362-363

¶ Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
¶ Those whose time is spent caring for others
¶ Those who are close to death
¶ Those who have lost hope
¶ The worship of the Church
One of the forms of prayer found on pages 362–371 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

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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)

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

All
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.

Let us bless the Lord.
All
Thanks be to God.

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